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Protection for town's historic buildings

HERITAGE and historic buildings in the heart of Smethwick will be protected under Sandwell Council plans for three new conservation areas in the town.

The authority says it hopes to consult on three districts – Cape Hill town centre, Smethwick High Street and the area from Crocketts Lane to the Town Hall.

Creating conservation areas will give the authority more power to protect the town from inappropriate development. If they are approved, the zones will take in a number of listed buildings.

These will include the Waterloo Hotel and Sampson Lloyd in Cape Hill, Smethwick Council House, Victoria Park and Sandwell College in Crocketts Lane and the Holy Trinity Church in Smethwick High Street.

Schemes

Proposals for the schemes appear in the ruling cabinet's forward plan for August 1 to November 30 when bosses will decide whether to grant approval to consult the public.

Councillor Ian Jones, the borough's regeneration chief, said: "We will be looking at what the public think about plans we're working up to protect the important, historical parts of Smethwick."

If approved, historic buildings in the conservation areas will enjoy a level of protection from development, under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) 1990 Act.

The schemes are the first step in long-term plans to enhance Victorian and Edwardian buildings which provide the areas' character.

Much of Smethwick's development is tied to the development of the Birmingham Canals, both Old (1768-69) and New Main Line (1829-30) canals and later the introduction of the Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Stour Valley Railway Line through Smethwick in 1852.

The canal network, which has led to Smethwick being dubbed "the Venice of the Black Country", helped business prosper in the town, meaning buildings of historical significance in the area largely date back to the Victoria and Edwardian periods.

Man faces murder charge

A MAN appeared in court via video on Tuesday charged with the murder of a West Bromwich teenager, found under the floorboards of a house in Handsworth.

Stephen Devesey, aged 20, of Whateley Road in Handsworth, did not enter a plea during the hearing at Birmingham Crown Court. He is charged with the murder of Nicole Cartmell, aged 18, who was found by police searching a house in Whateley Road on March 2. She had given birth to a baby boy in January and was reported missing on Valentine's Day.

Devesey appeared by a video link from Brinsford Prison, near Wolverhampton. The case was adjourned until August 16 when, Judge Patrick Thomas ruled, Devesey must enter a plea. A provisional trial date was fixed for November 22.

Diets for children as young as three to tackle growing health crisis

FREE SLIM SHAKES FOR THE OBESE

FREE slimming shakes and diets for children as young as three are part of a raft of proposals planned to tackle an obesity epidemic in Sandwell.

Almost a third – 28.7 per cent – of adults in Sandwell are classed as obese, the highest proportion in the Black Country.

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Around 23 per cent of youngsters, a total of 800, are considered dangerously overweight.

The quick slim-style diets have been defended by health bosses as a cheap option, compared to the £1.8 million spent on gastric bands by Sandwell Primary Care Trust in the last four years.

Surgery

Under the plans the taxpayers would pay for diet shakes and meal replacement bars for severely overweight people, to prevent the eventual need for costly surgery.

Health bosses said it is too early to say how much this would cost.

Councillor Pat Davies, vice-chairman of Sandwell's health and older people scrutiny panel, said: "There isn't a lot of money around but investing in these sorts of programmes now could save cash in the long run."

The plan to pay for diet food is one of 14 recommendations being put forward to tackle the ill health timebomb facing the borough.

Helping the heroes

David McGuinness and Michael Evans, both of West Bromwich, have raised £17,000 for Help for Heroes with help from Mr Evans's partner Lisa Evans

THREE friends from Sandwell have raised £17,000 for Help for Heroes in just over a year.

Michael Evans, his partner Lisa and their mutual friend David McGuinness, all from West Bromwich, have been supporting the charity since last March.

They have been selling Help for Heroes merchandise such as wrist bands and collecting donations throughout the region. The latest fundraiser achieved just under £400.

This was a collection outside electrical store Comet in Wednesbury on Friday.

The Saturday before the trio collected £1,039 in Dudley town centre.

Mr Evans, aged 32, of Dunkirk Avenue, said: "We are very passionate about Help for Heroes.

"We want to support the soldiers. They have done so much for us. We feel we owe it to them."

The trio will be collecting donations outside Morrisons in Holyhead Road, Handsworth, from July 25 to 31. To make a donation call 07817 892525.

Thieves target Asian women for jewellery

WOMEN wearing Asian gold have been targeted in four separate robberies in Handsworth and Sandwell during the past week.

In the latest incident, at around 12.45pm last Thursday, a 57-year-old woman was approached on Rookery Road, Handsworth.

Her shoulders were held as an offender removed her gold necklace and earrings.

Two robberies took place on Monday, June 27. At approximately 10.15am a woman in her 50s was walking along Nineveh Road, Handsworth, when her chain was snatched from her neck.

Bike

At 6pm on Albert Road, Handsworth, an offender on a push bike attempted to snatch a chain from a 50-year-old pedestrian.

The chain proved too strong for the thief and the offender fled.

On Friday, June 24 a 60-year-old woman was on Austin Road, Handsworth at around 3.40pm when an offender grabbed her neck chain.

It's a treat for canteen staff Alan Hunt, aged 20, and Emma Hudlington, 26

Strawberry fair

SCORES of visitors to Sandwell Park Farm enjoyed the sweet taste of strawberries and an alternative menu at a fair.

More than 1,000 people attended a craft fair which had stalls selling jewellery, children's toys and homemade cup cakes.

The strawberries-themed event saw a different menu created with visitors enjoying the likes of strawberries and ice cream along with Victorian sandwiches and cream teas.

A jazz band provided the music in the tea garden as people enjoyed the summer treats. A bread, butter and jam making demonstration also took place.

Popular

Visitor services attendant Emma Hadlington said it proved really busy and there had been positive feedback about the strawberry-themed menu.

"People were really pleased," she said. "It has been that popular we think we will have to do it again as an annual event."

Sandwell Park farm is near West Bromwich, within the 2,000 acres of the Sandwell Valley Country Park. It belonged to the Earl of Dartmouth who lived nearby at the now demolished Sandwell Hall and buildings date back to 1705.

Shrew'd move at park

STAFF at Sandwell's Haden Hill Park are hoping the current good weather lasts at least for another few days so that an outdoor production of Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew can take place on tomorrow (Friday).

The production by Gloucester's acclaimed Festival Theatre Players was original planned to be held last month, but a massive storm meant it had to be cancelled. The players are currently doing a whistle-stop tour of various venues all over the country of the production.But fortunately they have managed to re-schedule the production for this Friday. And as an additional bonus all tickets for the cancelled production will be honoured.

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Fury at menace of boy racers

BOY racers from across the region are flocking to regular race meetings.

Up to 150 people have been attending the meetings in Charles Street, West Bromwich, causing misery for residents in the surrounding area by revving their engines and speeding.

Police spent Sunday evening keeping racers at bay after complaints from people living in the area. Two patrol cars were in Charles Street moving on racers that turned up.

Speed

Officers have now asked Sandwell Council to consider introducing speed calming measures on the street.

Although the meeting spot is in an industrial road there are homes nearby.

One Ryders Green Road resident, warehouse worker and grandfather-of-four Karl Wood, said: "Living here is absolute hell. It is getting worse and worse.

" Last Sunday there were about 150 people here.

"You phone the police and they move them on but they just come back again about half an hour later.

"They are mainly driving small cars – Ford Fiestas and Vauxhall Corsas – but there are some top-of-the-range cars too."

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Popular GP dies, aged 63

A DOCTOR who served the people of the Black Country for two decades has died.

Dr Uma Dasgupta, who died aged 63 on June 18, had worked in the area since 1991, firstly with Dr Bhullar in West Bromwich and later in Dudley.

Dr Dasgupta first came to Sandwell when she joined Dr Bhullar of Lodge Road. Nearly five years later she joined her husband's practice in Dudley. She returned to Sandwell in July 1998 and went into partnership with Dr Chakrabarti, of Walsall Road, West Bromwich. She job shared with him at Dr Sumaria and Partners in Brierley Hill. Dr Chahrabarti retired in 1999 and Dr Dasgupta remained at the practice.

Dr Simon Mitchell, a director at Sandwell Primary Care Trust, said "Dr Dasgupta was a respected member of the GP community and will be missed by her patients and colleagues alike."

She is survived by her husband and three children.

Pub stays as car wash

A FORMER Wednesbury pub will stay as a car wash and fence business after plans for a convenience store and flats ground to a halt.

Developers have been granted temporary permission for an open-air car wash on the car park of the Fountain Inn pub for the next two years. The application was retrospective as the car wash had been operating unlicensed since January. Developers asked for a five-year permission but council planners decided only two years.

Last September owners won permission for a convenience store with flats but the premises in Holloway Bank has since been a fencing business. A design statement said: "The premises may never be open again as a public house... and a domestic use for flats or an old people's home would not be an appropriate use for the site."

The Public on 'must-see' list of buildings

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MUCH-MALIGNED Sandwell arts centre The Public has beem listed as one of the world's 'must-see' buildings, alongside the Great Pyramid at Giza, the Taj Majal, The Colosseum in Rome, The Parthenon in Athens and The Chrysler Building skyscraper in New York city.

The Public, which was dismissed by many as a White Elephant, has put West Bromwich on the architectural map after being named in a book listing the world's most important buildings from ancient times to the modern day.

The West Bromwich centre is included in a book callede 1,001 Buildings You Must See Before You Die.

The New Street arts centre was first added to the compendium back in 2007, when it was still unfinished. Now, four years on copyright holders Quintessence said they will update the text when the book is next reprinted.

The Public, which cost £72 million to build and was designed by world famous architect Will Alsop, split public opinion with its black exterior and pink cloud-shaped windows – in complete contrast to its town centre surroundings.

It has been called everything from "a box of delights" – by the architect himself – to a "pink elephant" and even "a B&Q superstore with eyes".

Edited by Mark Irving, the book includes building across the globe, from the ancient ruins of Petra in modern day Jordan to the Sydney Opera House.

Landmark

The entry on The Public was written by Alan Powers, an architectural historian who reflected upon its turbulent history.

"The Public has had a stormy infancy", he wrote. "If it can survive into adolescence or early adulthood, it will become the architectural landmark of West Bromwich."

Whether this is true is yet to be proven but bosses at The Public are keen to push the building as an architectural "must see" and name check the book in its most recent publicity for its summer season.

Linda Saunders, Managing Director of The Public said: "I have never been approached for any information about the building, although the author may have spoken to one of my predecessors.

"I think it is brilliant that we have been included in this book and a real coup for West Bromwich.

"Many of our most iconic buildings in history were unpopular at the time they were built, because they challenged convention."

The Public in West Bromwich town centre, an iconic building that can be mentioned alongside the Taj Mahal and Sydney Opera House, according to a book on the world's most important buildings

Blaze damaged Smethwick supermarket to be demolished

A SUPERMARKET ravaged by a blaze is to be demolished next week.

K2 Supermarket was left structurally unstable after flames ripped through the building in Smethwick in May.

The exact cause of the fire is still being investigated. The insurance company has agreed to cover the cost of damages.

The former shop manager, a Mr Iqbal, has been served a notice asking him to remove shelves and other items that were inside the store in order for the demolition to take place.

Peter Thompson, from Harborne-based loss assessors Thompson and Bryan, confirmed the demolition would be some time next week.

Intense

Sixty firefighters were called to the blaze, in Cape Hill, just after 1am on May 31. The intense heat caused the steel structure supporting the building to warp and debris rained down into the street as the roof and first floor of the building collapsed. Thirty residents were forced to leave their homes.

A hole lot of trouble

Trader Gaz Khan is fed up with seeing a gaping hole on Tividale Road in Oldbury

A HOLE has been left in an Oldbury street for months following a wrangle over the installation of a bus shelter.

Workers from transport authority Centro removed the previous shelter in Tividale Road in March ready for a new facility. But after residents raised concerns over its position and petitioned Sandwell Council, the process was delayed.

Now, trader Gaz Khan is calling for the hole – which is 16ft long, 2ft wide and almost 1ft deep – to be filled in.

Mr Khan, who runs Lifestyle Express newsagents in Tividale Road, said: "There are temporary barriers but they get vandalised all the time and it leaves a hole in the ground for people to fall into. An elderly person could fall into the gap and end up with a nasty injury."

Centro spokesman Mark Langford said: "We are working with our partners and contractors to get the shelter installed as soon as possible. The ground at the site has been left in a temporarily disrupted state by the removal of the old stop and fencing had been placed around the area for safety. Due to vandalism, the fencing had been knocked down and the ground further disturbed. To ensure there is minimal risk to the public the area has been fenced off again."

Road closure misery

A three-week road closure began in West Bromwich town centre on Monday, meaning more misery for motorists.

A 50ft section of the Cronehills Linkway roundabout will be temporarily closed to all traffic until July 24.

A half-mile diversion will be in place taking drivers from the town centre to the A41 roundabout and back round to avoid the work.

Motorists are already facing long delays in the area, caused by works to install a new £25 million underpass beneath the roundabout.

The closure is on the corner of the A41 Expressway roundabout – nearest to the A41 around the old petrol filling station site – preventing drivers from going right the way around Cronehills Linkway roundabout.

Tesco

Both Cronehills Linkway and the roundabout will be affected by the scheme, part of a programme of works by South Staffordshire Water Plc ahead of work to create the £200m Tesco.

It will allow for the construction of a water main.

Due to the new closure, traffic from Astle Park or Bratt Street wishing to travel through the town will not be able to circulate to the right around Cronehills Linkway roundabout.

Bus services will not be affected.

Welly wanging and waggiest tails at fun day

A FUN day including a karate display and welly wanging will take place in Oldbury next Saturday, July 16.

There will be a dog display with prizes for pooches with the waggiest tails and other categories.

Bouncy

Entertainment will also include a display by the air cadets and bouncy castle for children to enjoyat Langley Park rom 10.30am to 3pm.

The Friends of the Park group has been working to make improvements at the park over the past 18 months.

Unblocked pipe saves the pool

A POOL in Sandwell that dries out during warm weather is at a healthy 8ft level at one end after a pipe connecting it to the River Tame was unblocked. Water levels at Hydes Road pool in Wednesbury are looking good despite the recent dry weather. It has threatened to dry out completely several times over the past three years. Three months ago the water had dropped to about 1ft.

Soul fans lose faith

A REUNION to celebrate musical memories of Wolverhampton Northern Soul venue The Catacombs at Dudley Queen Mary's Ballroom at the zoo on Saturday has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

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Solar CCTV cameras to target m-way trouble spot

A SOLAR-powered CCTV system will be installed near an electricity junction box underneath the M5 and M6 interchange which has been targeted by arsonists.

A two-mile stretch of motorway between junctions seven and eight of the M6 was plunged into darkness after arsonists started the blaze last month. The fire also affected 34 properties in Newton Road, Pear Tree Close and other nearby streets.

Police have told residents under the Ray Hall Lane interchange in Great Barr that funding is secure for the solar-powered CCTV camera, mounted on top of a telegraph pole, to combat vandals.

Patrols will also be stepped up in a bid to catch offenders.

Sergeant Sarah Long said: "Funding has been secured for a solar-powered camera."

Prostitution

Council chiefs have also said they are considering an order to gate off Ray Hall Lane after recent arson attacks including burnt out cars, plus ongoing complaints of fly-tipping and reports of even prostitution taking place under the motorway.

Bosses say the move would still leave the lane open to cyclists and walkers.

The proposal has been backed by residents.

Diane Bowman-Wright, neighbourhood manager of West Bromwich for Sandwell Council, said: "There have been ongoing problems with fly-tipping and the cable box arson. We are now working alongside police."

Yobs causing a nuisance

DRIVERS are speeding along a West Bromwich road, causing a nuisance for families.

Homeowners say they have seen modified cars speeding along Beaconview Road. People living in nearby flats say the noise from engines being revved up is "deafening".

They say speed restrictions were also being flouted on Charlemont Road and Pennyhill Lane and called for a 20mph limit to be installed.

Ward Councillor Ray Nock said: "There have been problems in this are for years and something needs to be done."

Residents on Camberley Rise in Charlemont also say windows on their cars have been smashed, that there is regular anti-social behaviour and youths are playing loud music from speakers in their cars until the early hours.

Fiona Murray, director of Camberley RTM which runs nearby high-rise flat block Camberley House, said: "There are yobs and vandals causing real problems for the residents on Camberley Rise. We've reported it to police and want to see what can be done about it."

Sergeant Sarah Long said officers on patrol in the area would look out for problems. Anyone with information is urged to call 0345 113 5000 (ext 7911 6731) or email officers at west bromwichcentral@west-midlands .police.uk

Fete to replace plaques

A CHURCH fete will be held in Sandwell on Saturday to raise money to replace memorial plaques stolen by metal thieves.

Worshippers at St Margaret's Church in Chapel Lane, Great Barr, were shocked when thieves stole the plaques, which honour the First World War dead, in May.

Church warden June Aubrook said fundraising had begun to buy replacements. She said: "The fete will help us put some money towards that."

Donate

The fete will be held in the grounds of the church on Saturday, 1pm-3.30pm.

Anyone who would like to donate a raffle prize or cakes should call 01922 620169.

Hundreds sign petition

HUNDREDS of people have signed a newly launched petition opposing the closure of a popular community centre in Sandwell.

Users of Brook Street Community Centre in Tipton were left in limbo last month when Sandwell Council announced it would not renew the group's lease on the building.

The centre, used by 600 people each week, is home to dozens of activities including keep-fit classes and tea dances. Bosses have launched a campaign to secure the group's future and the petition had 200 names a week ago.

Support

Centre manager Steve Downing said: "We have had fantastic support from all our user groups and local businesses have been very supportive too."

Suspect in court on murder charge

A WEST Bromwich man has appeared in court charged with the murder of a 24-year-old woman. Gurinder Singh, aged 40, of Walter Street in West Bromwich, was at Warley Magistrates Court on Monday.

He is accused of murdering Paramjit Kaur in Walter Street on Saturday night.

Singh, who wore a black T-shirt and spoke through a translator, was remanded in custody following a brief hearing.

The case was adjourned and Singh is due to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court for a bail application this week.

Police could not confirm how the woman died and a post mortem was due to be held on Monday.

Neighbours said police and paramedics attended the house at 8.45pm on Saturday.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact police on 0845 113 5000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

HMS Albion keeping seas safe near Libya

AS the Royal Navy's flagship HMS Albion manoeuvres towards crisis-hit Libya, two sailors from the Black Country take their place at the triggers of the ship's machine guns.

Their task is a simple one – use the weapons to protect their colleagues from any incoming assaults on the ship or attacks on any British helicopters.

It is a dangerous job but one both Naval Airman Mark Lawrence, from Cradley Heath, and Naval Airman Katie Village, from Stourbridge, enjoy hugely.

HMS Albion, an 18,500-ton assault ship has been acting as the floating command platform for all military operations in Libya.

Helicopters

Earlier this month, Apache helicopters were launched against selected military targets in Libya and it was the job of NA Lawrence and NA Village to protect them as they were dispatched.

"During the first Apache missions, HMS Albion moved toward the Libyan coast where the threat level is higher," said 23-year-old NA Village, a former pupil at Grange School in Stourbridge.

"Mark and I were manning weapons on the upper deck from where we could see the lights along the Libyan shoreline.

"It was very surreal – it was the kind of thing you would normally see on the news but we were watching it for real."

Helping protect the people of Libya is a world away from NA Village's previous job. She started her working life as a greengrocer.

Now, she is part of an elite team of maritime personnel that includes helicopter crews and Royal Marines.

As part of her role, she is also involved as an aircraft handler, trained to move and fuel helicopters and to respond to fires and other emergencies.

"I really enjoy working outdoors on the flight deck, in the sunshine surrounded by the sea," she said.

""I'd hate to be stuck below deck in an office all day".

Meanwhile NA Lawrence, 25, a former pupil at Leasowes Community College in Halesowen, said being at the centre of military operations in Libya had ensured he was always kept busy.

"At the beginning of the deployment HMS Albion departed the UK with four helicopters," he said. "As she is primarily designed to carry Royal Marines and their landing craft, she does not normally carry this many. We've also hosted visiting helicopters from France and Saudi Arabia.

"It's meant that the whole aviation team has been exceptionally busy, but it's great because I much prefer to have a hands-on role."

HMS Albion was this week away from the conflict area off the coast of Libya, where rebels are involved in a life and death struggle with the forces of dictator Colonel Gaddafi. But that does not mean the Albion's crew will get a rest.

They were docked in Abu Dhabi ahead of its involvement in a series of amphibious and land-based exercises called Sea Khanjar.

The military exercises, with forces from the United Arab Emirates, were continuing until yesterday (Wednesday) before HMS Albion heads back to the UK through the Suez Canal.

Family

The two Black Country sailors are looking forward to coming home.

"I miss family and friends most when I'm at sea," said NA Lawrence.

"I always enjoy going for a drink at The Waterfall in Cradley Heath whenever I'm back home."

Meanwhile, NA Village added: "The best things about coming from the Black Country is walks in Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge and shopping trips to Merry Hill."

HMS Albion docked at Abu Dhabi

Black Country crew Naval Airman Katie Village and NA Mark Lawrence

Marathon hero Blind Dave joining community fun day

PEOPLE are invited to a fun-packed community day for all the family in Charlemont, West Bromwich, this Saturday (9 July).

The free event is jointly organised by Sandwell Council, Sandwell Police and local community groups, and is being held from 12 noon to 5pm at Charlemont Farm Community Centre, Beaconview Road.

Sandwell celebrity 'Blind Dave' Heeley will also be taking part in the event.

The aim is to reach out to the local community and help make as many people as possible aware of activities available for them in their area.

Organisers have lined up a host of entertainment, including events for children and young people, dance, a DJ, sports activities from Sandwell Leisure Trust, a dog show and food and cake stalls.

Local organisations will also be running stalls, marquees and information stands about services, including Sandwell Police and West Midlands Fire Service.

Watchdog praises training at Ash Lodge care home

TRAINING for carers at a Sandwell care home has been praised in reports by an industry watchdog.

The Care Quality Commission highlighted training at Ash Lodge, on Londonderry Lane, Smethwick, which it gave two stars out of three.

Former nurse Grace Simister, of Dudley, failed in a compensation claim against the firm for unfair dismissal last week. She made her claim at Birmingham Employment Tribunal against Care First (Smethwick) Ltd, which runs the home. Miss Simister was sacked for gross misconduct.

Home owner Michael Verma said the case showed quality checks were in place as the firm took action as soon as failings were apparent.

Mr Verma, who took over the running of the home in April 2008, said: "We spotted it had happened and suspended Grace Simister. As a result of an investigation we later dismissed her and we were vindicated when she lost her compensation claim.

"Our systems were in place to notice any problems and we spotted the problem and followed it up appropriately."

Cheryl Birch, brought in from outside to decide on the dismissal, told the tribunal that Miss Simister had only checked on patients visually, and she could not have known from those checks that care was up to standard. She said: "She made assumptions of care rather than ensuring it."

Salon to change

PERMISSION has been granted to transform a Sandwell salon into an accountant's office.

Sandwell Council has also given Abdul Hafeez, who made the application for Birmingham Road, Oldbury, the go-ahead for a new shop frontage. The business must not operate outside the hours of 8am and 7pm.

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Store blaze being investigated

A FIERCE blaze that ravaged a Sandwell supermarket is being treated as suspicious.

People had to be rescued from upstairs windows when a fire ripped through the K2 building in Smethwick last month.

Demolition has been delayed while investigations take place and insurance experts assess the damage.

West Midlands Fire Service spokesman Jeremy Sharpe said the cause of the fire was unknown but it was now being treated as suspicious.

"The fire is being treated as arson but investigations are continuing in order to determine the precise cause," he said last week.

Pension

Gurnam Mann, trustee of the pension fund which owns the building, said: "We're hoping it can be demolished. They need to do it soon because, although the front has been made safe, the back is still unsafe and prone to collapse. I'm keen for it to be knocked down as soon as possible so we can start to rebuild. It's very frustrating that everything is taking such a long time."

Thirty residents were forced to leave their homes due to the supermarket being at the centre of a terraced street with flats above.

Walking after midnight

A SANDWELL charity is calling on people to sign up for a midnight walk in Smethwick.

To launch mental health week in October, Sandwell Mind has organised a Midnight Star Walk which will take place on Saturday, October 8, in Victoria Park. Sandra Vaughan from Sandwell Mind said: "The walk will be five kilometres, and entry will be £5 but we hope participants will raise as much money as possible to help us continue our services."

Sandwell Mind helps to promote and support better mental health. The closing date for entry forms is September 23, and anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. To register go to the www.sandwellmind.org.uk website.

Apartments permission is renewed

A DEVELOPER who hopes to build 14 apartments in Cradley Heath had his planning permission renewed by council bosses.

Mr Seamus Roche told planners at their meeting that due to the economic climate he had been unable to build the two bedroom flats in Halesowen Road.

But he added: "I now hope that subject to the bank's approval I will have the funds to build the apartments."

Sandwell Council's planning committee agreed to renew the permission subject to conditions.

Meanwhile, two neighbouring properties in Oldbury will also be extended after council chiefs approved plans.

An application was made by Mr Davut Sid to build a two storey extension to 55 Birch Street.

Extension

A similar application was made by Mr Rishi Kaushal to undertake a two storey rear extension on 57 Birch Street.

Both schemes were approved by the committee which also approved plans to build a two storey front and rear extension on a house in Oldbury. The plans for 424 Wolverhampton Road also included a first floor front extension over the garage. Councillors subjected the approval to conditions.

Homes scheme proposed

MORE than 130 homes could be built in Cradley Heath after council bosses granted outline permission for the proposals.

The mixed residential development on the TKB Industrial estate on Newlyn Road has space for 139 homes. These could include apartments as well as detached, semi-detached, terraced houses and maisonettes.

Circus

The site currently consists of the TKB Industrial estate, a petrol station and mobile homes used by travelling circus folk.

Although not council owned it is part of a priority housing project to turn disused land into housing.

At a meeting a number of councillors raised concerns about what would happen to the show people.

Councillor Maria Crompton said: "Have the show people been consulted? We must not push them out."

Preview of boroughs' £6m archives centre

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THIS is the first image showing what a new £6 million base for Sandwell and Dudley's archives would look like.

Released by the developers, the base will be built on the site of the former Royal Brierley Crystal site, near the Black Country Living Museum, in Tipton Road, near the Sandwell-Dudley borough boundary..

Plans are expected to be submitted shortly and, if approved, building work will get under way this autumn.

It is expected to be completed by summer 2013 and an important part of the plan will be to make the building as energy efficient as possible.

The centre will have a local history library, a conservation studio, archive storage and education facilities such as a lecture theatre and conference rooms. It will have solar panels on the roof.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for housing, Councillor Adrian Turner said: "The new building will not only deliver a first class service to local people, it will create the right conditions for preserving our collections to national standards, so that current and new visitors can enjoy discovering the past for generations to come."

The new building will replace the current Dudley base in Mount Pleasant, Coseley.

Library

Meanwhile Sandwell Council will use the new building for storage and conservation of its archives and the current service based at Smethwick Library will still be available.

Dudley Council had planned to build the centre at the Black Country Living Museum where it would have adjoined the museum's reception but a survey showed the site was unsuitable.

Under the new plans, access will be provided from the Black Country Living Museum to the new base.

Cllr Turner added: "After spending nearly 20 years at the site in Coseley, the archive service has almost outgrown the existing building and our collections continue to increase."

An artist's impression of how the the building in Tipton Road will look

The site in Dudley where the archives service will eventually be situated

Curfew for drunk nephew who broke uncle's cheekbone

A NEPHEW who fractured his 50-year-old uncle's cheekbone in a brutal attack has been spared an immediate spell behind bars.

Heron Wall, from the Yew Tree Estate on the Walsall and Sandwell border, had been drinking heavily and wanted money off David Wall so he could go out and buy more alcohol, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 36-year-old became "aggressive and abusive" and knocked his uncle to the ground before telling him: "Get up and I will kill you."

He then struck his uncle three or four more times to the face and he warned him: "If you press charges, me or someone else will finish the job."

Supervision

Wall, of Brackendale Drive, admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm and was given a 12-month jail term suspended for two years. He was also placed under supervision for two years and ordered to obey a four-month curfew between the hours of 7pm and 6am.

Judge Martin Walsh told Wall, a wood machinist, that it was a spontaneous but "forceful" act of violence. "Your uncle was an innocent and hapless victim," he said.

Mr Norman Porter, defending, said Wall had clearly lost his temper after a "heated argument".

Mrs Kanwal Juss, prosecuting, said Wall went to visit his grandmother at the home she shared with David Wall in Smethwick and was in a "bad mood" after a drinking session.

App idea for local services

A SMART phone application could be developed for Sandwell Council services, the authority's chief executive says.

It would allow residents to press a button on their phone to access services including libraries and bin collections.

Jan Britton, chief executive at the council, said he was asking workers to investigate technology being used at other councils.

Parking

He said: "One council has an app that combines satnav with car parking charges, so you press a button on your phone and the bill for the car park you're in is paid automatically; another has a really good app to tell people when street services are due in their area for bin collections, street cleaning, pot hole inspections and so on."

MP calls for ban on cash for scrap

SCRAP dealers may be banned from paying cash for metal to combat soaring rates of theft.

It follows a long-running campaign by West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson for a change in the law amid a spate of metal thefts across the region.

Soaring prices mean that thieves are taking any metal they can lay their hands on – stripping lead from roofs and wire from cables, stealing industrial machinery, and dismantling rail and electricity networks.

Thieves who were disguised as workmen even stole dozens of drain and manhole covers.

Churches, homes, shops, factories have been raided, road signs, children's play equipment and postboxes have been targeted.

Mr Watson believes banning cash deals and forcing merchants to pay for scrap metal by cheque or electronic transfer will help police stamp-out the growing menace.

He said thefts were costing local authorities and utility companies millions of pounds, and putting lives at risk.

Home Office Minister Baroness Browning said the Government was exploring a range of options including the feasibility of "a cashless system to tighten out-dated rules.

City and Sandwell join forces to clean up the valley park

A CLEAN-UP operation is under way to improve Sandwell Valley on the borough's border with Birmingham.

Sandwell Council and Birmingham City Council are working together with the Environment Agency to improve the area alongside Forge Lane and Park Lane. Work has included thinning out dense vegetation.

Project officer Jo Miskin, from Sandwell Council, said: "The work we're carrying out is making a real difference to the area, and improving visibility along the main footpath and route of the Sustrans Cycleway.

"This ongoing piece of work has already involved countryside rangers from both Sandwell and Birmingham.

"They have been joined by staff from the Environment Agency and private contractors, and supervised low-risk offenders doing community payback work."

Temporary classroom

A TIPTON school has been given approval to build a temporary classroom.

The council submitted plans to build the modular classroom at Glebefields Primary School on Sandgate Road. The classroom will be located in the north east corner of the playground.

It is hoped the temporary class will relieve congestion on the site. Councillors approved the plans subject to conditions.

Frightened cat drowned in canal

A CAT died when it got its head stuck ina dog food can and then in panic ran into the canal at Tipton where it drowned. The dark tortoiseshell-marked female was found in the canal behind Neptune Health Park. The cat had no collar or microchip.

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Pensioners win battle to bring back hospital bus

A BUS service that took pensioners from Wednesbury and Darlaston to Walsall Manor Hospital will be reinstated

There has been a three-year battle to bring back the 639 – culminating in a 120-name petition supporting the service and a motion being tabled in the House of Commons.

But there was relief and joy after National Express West Midlands said it would be bringing back the route from July 24. The service will be renumbered as the 38.

The service runs from Wednesbury to Walsall via Darlaston, Kings Hill and the hospital, and will run every 20 minutes, finishing at 7pm. However, there were concerns that the bus would be finishing an hour before visiting hours close at the hospital at 8pm.

Concern

Councillor Rose Burley, for Bentley and Darlaston North, said: "I am pleased to see they are now going to be operating a service that serves the areas of Wednesbury, Kings Hill and Darlaston. My only concern is that it will stop at 7pm when visiting hours at the hospital stop at 8pm. I would ask National Express West Midlands to extend this."

Jack Kelly, spokesman for the bus operator, said the service had been designed with visiting hours in the day and outpatients' appointments in mind. "But if the demand is there, we will look at extending the service," he said. "Research shows peak travel finishes at 7pm but if there is a change in that pattern, we will change to meet it."

Councillor Paul Bott, independent representative for Darlaston South, was among those who campaigned for the bus to be brought back. He and wife Chris, a former councillor, collected a petition presented to the House of Commons by Labour MP Valerie Vaz.

Cllr Bott said: "It's very pleasing as it has taken nearly three years to get this reinstated. There are a lot of pensioners in the Kings Hill area and it was important for people to have access to the Manor Hospital. When it was taken off, there were even people who were having to get taxis. On a pension that's very hard."

Conman claimed OAPs had to pay for tree removal

AN ELDERLY West Bromwich couple handed over almost £800 of their savings to a conman who claimed he had been sent by the council to chop down a tree following a complaint by a neighbour, a court heard.

John McDonald admitted taking the cash from Ronald and Ruby Clare, aged 79 and 78, after calling at their home on March 10.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of fraud by false representation at Walsall Magistrates' Court after previously denying it.

Chairman of the bench Mrs Elizabeth Baugh told McDonald, 37, of Booth Street, Blakenall, Walsall, that the matter was so serious he may be sent to crown court for sentencing.

Grandchildren

Miss Indira Sharma, prosecuting, told the court that the defendant and Scott Dunne, 19, also of Booth Street, went to the elderly couple's address and McDonald said he had been sent by the council.

Dunne cut the tree down and the couple handed over £780 to McDonald, which they had been saving to pay household bills and for presents for their grandchildren.

When McDonald, who is unemployed, drove off without giving them a receipt, they rang the police.

Denney Lau, defending, said McDonald had been under financial pressure and he wanted to apologise to the couple.

The case was adjourned for reports to today (Thursday, July 7). McDonald was given bail.

The case against the teenager Dunne was dismissed.

Fraud mother jailed over 15 children lie

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A MOTHER-OF-SIX from Tipton started an eight-week jail term last week after inventing 15 children as she cheated £62,000 in benefits from the taxpayers.

Scrounging fraudster Kerry Melia

Jobless Kerry Melia, aged 30, repeatedly claimed to be fostering youngsters between 2006 and 2010. They did not exist.

She was jailed for eight months last Wednesday at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

But the court heard that the civil courts would have to be used to try to claw back the cash as she had none left.

Melia, of St Mark's Road, was paid a total of £118,000 in tax credits since 2005 but had only been entitled to around half of that sum.

She claimed for nine fictitious foster children in all, and a further five she was genuinely the mother of.

She also tried to claim for a further six non-existant foster children but was caught before she could succeed.

Melia gave birth to her sixth child after she was charged.

Jennie Kendall, of HM Revenue andCustoms, said the case "flagged up some issues" when examined in an ongoing review of claims.

Judge Michael Dudley told married Melia: "You don't need me to tell you this was absolutely blatant fraud."

He accepted she had a "very young family" but said the case was "far too serious" for her to be spared jail.

Melia admitted five charges of tax credit fraud.

Ruthless

Mr Regan Peggs, defending, said Melia, whose youngest child is seven months old, was the carer for four other children.

One of her neighbours, who asked not to be named, said: "She used to have taxis everywhere." Another neighbour, herself a mother, said: "I think it's disgusting. I'm really shocked."

Speaking after the case, Jennie Kendall spokeswoman for HM Revenue & Customs, said: "The outcome of this latest prosecution shows we are tackling the ruthless theft of money from the public purse needed to fund public services for the benefit of everyone."

First to recycle polystyrene

Carl Chinn opens the foam centre with Mike Skidmore and Phil Pearson

HISTORIAN Professor Carl Chinn was the guest of honour at the opening of a new recycling facility in the Black Country.

He was at Dart Products Ltd, in Cradley Heath, to cut the ribbon at the firm's new polystyrene foam collection centre, the first of its kind in the West Midlands.

Bosses at the company, in Garratts Lane, say the new centre is among the first in the UK to accept food containers including cups, plates and take-away cartons. Items are recycled to become products such as garden furniture and insulation.

Mr Chinn, a columnist with The Chronicle's sister newspaper the Express & Star, said: "It is a real coup that a company like Dart has opened its first recycling facility in the UK in the heart of the Black Country.

"Historically recycling has always gone on in the West Midlands and a centre like this is bringing the past, present and the future together."

Thug is put behind bars for robbing elderly women

A VICIOUS thug is beginning an eight-year jail sentence after being found guilty of two robberies in which elderly women were injured.

Stuart Austin was convicted of two robberies, a car theft and a theft from a person. He was jailed at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

Stuart Austin – attacked pensioners

The court heard Austin targeted victims he assumed to be vulnerable.

Austin, aged 36, robbed a 79-year-old woman outside Sandwell General Hospital in West Bromwich on November 13 last year. The robbery caused the woman to fall to the ground, dislocating her shoulder and leaving her with facial injuries.

Three days after that attack, Austin, of Brackendale Drive, Yew Tree Estate, robbed an 86-year-old woman as she walked along Grafton Road, again near Sandwell General Hospital.

He snatched her bag and again caused her to fall to the ground. The victim suffered a broken hip and was hospitalised.

Austin was also found guilty of stealing a car from the car park of Sandwell General Hospital on November 17. The court heard how the driver had just gone pay the parking fee when Austin jumped into his Nissan Primera car and drove off. The vehicle was later recovered in West Bromwich.

And the day following that Austin stole a bag from an 81-year-old woman as she made her way to her car outside Asda in Tipton. The victim's handbag was inside a trolley when Austin snatched it and jumped into the Nissan, stolen the previous day.

Speaking after the case, Detective Constable Gareth Williams, of Sandwell CID, said: "These were despicable acts, in which three elderly women were specifically targeted by Austin as he assumed them to be vulnerable. Two of the victims suffered nasty injuries and were understandably deeply upset.

"Knowing the man responsible is starting an eight-year prison sentence will hopefully offer them some comfort as they get over their ordeals."

Stephen Dunleavy was taken to court by Sandwell Trading Standards

Dishonest glazer found guilty by jury

A DOUBLE glazing fitter who took hundreds of pounds off a pensioner without carrying out the promised work on his home has been found guilty of fraud and theft.

Stephen Dunleavy denied obtaining £200 from 73-year-old widower Harold Homer, who lives in Cradley Heath, for work to double glaze his porch and install a new front door.

He also denied taking a further £20 two days later towards the cost of work on Mr Homer's front door.

But the 40-year-old, of Summergate, Dudley, was found guilty by a jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week of dishonestly obtaining £200 by fraud and theft of £20.

The trial heard how Dunleavy had come into contact with Mr Homer when he helped double glaze the rest of the house when working for Safestyle UK in the summer of 2008. He came back and said he was self-employed.

After Mr Homer agreed for Dunleavy to carry out the work on the door and porch, the builder took a £200 deposit from him on September 2, 2008, to pay for materials.

Promises

Three months later no work had been done and promises to either do the job or pay back the cash had been broken.

The jury heard how Mr Homer become so frustrated with the lack of progress by November 2008 that he referred the matter to trading standards officials.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting for Sandwell Council's Trading Standards team, said Dunleavy produced no invoices or receipts.

Mr Daniel Oscroft, defending, earlier told the trial his client was a "rubbish businessman" but not a criminal. He conceded Dunleavy told "lie after lie" about delays in the building work.

Recorder Nigel Baker QC said: "With regards your sentence, all options are open."

He adjourned the case for pre-sentence reports and granted bail. A date is yet to be fixed.

Pensioner Harold Homer said his encounter with Dunleavy had left him so upset he was unable to sleep at night. The pensioner said: "He was just out for whatever he could get. I wanted to go through with the prosecution because if I can stop one more person going through what I went through it will be a good thing."

Sandwell's new £77 million college has been likened to Blackpool Pleasure Beach's Big Dipper.

NAOMI DUNNING reports on what people in the area think of the new West Bromwich landmark

Luke Cook-Livingstone

It's wrong – John Britton

Nicole Riaboschapka, 19, and Nicole Summers, 20

It's smart – Chris Spalding

Futuristic – Jack Cooper

Wave of support for the Big Dipper

SANDWELL College's £77 million new building in West Bromwich has earned itself a new nickname – the Big Dipper. The shape of the building in Spon Lane has been likened to Blackpool's roller-coaster ride.

But it is set to become a landmark in the town and The Chronicle's sister newspaper the Express & Star went onto the streets of the town to see what people think of the dramatic new buildinge.

Delivery driver Luke Cook-Livingstone, aged 24, of Coniston Crescent, Great Barr, said that he had been impressed by the building.

He said: "I like the modern shape of the building. It's a very smooth wave, much like the shape of the Bull Ring.

Modern

"There seems to be lots of modern buildings popping up, like The Public. It will be very impressive when it is finished.

"I am not sure I would have thought up the name the 'big dipper' but now I know people are calling it that, I might well do."

John Britton, aged 43, of Walton Road, Oldbury, a security guard, said he felt the building had been built in the wrong place. He said: "I like it, but it is very big. I think maybe they should have built it somewhere else, as it just seems too large and overstated where it is. It blocks off the view. But I suppose over time it will blend in."

Teenager Jack Cooper, who has just moved to West Bromwich from Wolverhampton, hopes to attend Sandwell College to do an art and design course.

The 16-year-old said: "It's a very futuristic building. To me it's more of a skateboard ramp but I can see what people mean when they say it's a big dipper.

"I think it will look really cool when its finished."

Social worker Chris Spalding, aged 24, of Edgbaston Crescent, Edgbaston, said: "The shape is more of a ramp or wave.

"I much prefer the modern buildings, I like them to look new and smart, which it already does even though it's not finished."

Nicole Summers, aged 20 and Nicole Riaboschapka, aged 19, are both Sandwell College students who are studying hairdressing.

Miss Summers said: "Everybody is talking about moving to the new building. The hairdressing will be on the ground floor and it should have lots of light. I like the shape and it will be good to be in such a modern building." Miss Riaboschapka added: "Everybody is looking forward to moving in."

Work started on the multi-million pound building in September 2009 and it is due to be finished in the autumn of this year.

The first of the 10,000 students are due to move in during January 2012.

The new campus will replace the existing bases in West Bromwich, Oldbury and Smethwick, which will close once the new college is up and running.

Sandwell College Vice-Principal Scott Upton is pleased with the response.

Praise

He said: "The new college is attracting a great deal of praise and becoming a major landmark in the West Midlands.

"We are sure that people will embrace the new building as a state-of-the-art centre for learning and a vital part of their community."

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Passion for fashion at end-of-year show

MORE than 1,000 prospective students flocked to apply for a place at the brand new Sandwell College in the space of a week.

Both the college's open day at The Public – just metres from the new campus – and one held on home turf, proved be more popular than ever, thanks to the buzz created by the 'new impressive building (see picture and article opposite).

Military style – students get inspired with the camouflage-look

Demand is rising fast with school leavers and adult learners clamouring to be first through the doors when it opens at the end of this year at the heart of West Bromwich.

This summer will be the last time that many of the curriculum areas hold their final end-of-year shows at the existing three campuses.

Sandwell College textile design students showcased a culmination of their creative efforts on the catwalk when they staged their fashion show at the beginning of this month.

New Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Joyce Underhill, was a VIP invited to sit on the front row at the event.

The catwalk show, held in the old Grammar School theatre at the West Bromwich High Street campus, marked the students' successful completion of their BTEC Diploma courses in Fashion and Clothing.

Tutor

Fashion tutor Sarah Head said: "This year the students have designed a range of exciting collections around four different themes. We have Girls on Film, a collection of pink and black corsets inspired by the glamorous movies of yesteryear; Young Punk Gothic, a punk micro trend with seventies eclectic styling; Italian designer-inspired monochrome tailoring for the busy business woman; and Psychedelic Sixties, a walk back in time with a modern interpretation of the fashion favourite, the mini."

Technical theatre students, who are in the final year of their performing arts course, provided atmospheric lighting and uplifting soundtracks, while photography students snapped away at the end of the runway.

The new Sandwell College in Spon Lane will have state-of-the-art textile studios and a 250-seater theatre for spectators to enjoy the next fashion show.

For details on courses and enrolment dates call 0800 622 006 or visit www.sandwell.ac.uk website.

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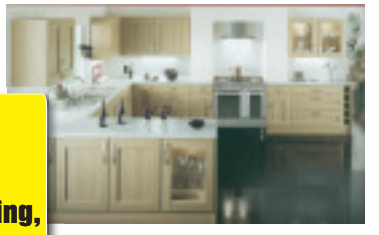

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10,000 mile trip for Amy's prom night

TEENAGER Amy Hadley flew 10,000 miles to attend her school prom night.

Amy, who emigrated to Australia with her family in 2008, has always promised her former school friends at Perryfields High School in Oldbury that she would come back for the traditional end of school days party.

The 16-year-old was true to her word and after buying herself a prom dress in Adelaide, Amy flew half way across the world in time for the big day.

Amy said: "It was amazing to see everybody again. It is the first time we have been home since we left and we have had so much catching up to do.

Miss

"I love living in Australia but I do miss my friends.

"We had a brilliant time at the prom, there was loads of dancing and joking around."

Amy and six of her pals travelled to Thursday's prom at the Eaton Hotel in Hagley Road, in a limousine – driven by the same driver who took the family to the airport when they emigrated.

From Oz to Oldbury– Amy Hadley, right, who flew 10,000 miles to her Prom, pictured with best friend Sophie Cook

Huge blaze destroys tons of timber

A THOUSAND tons of timber went up in flames at a Tipton rubbish depot leading to a nearby train line being closed for around five hours.

More than 60 firefighters were called to tackle the blaze after the huge pile of wood caught fire at Bloomfield Recycling in Tipton on Friday night.

Flames could be seen up to 50ft above the building and thick plumes of smoke rose into the Black Country skyline at the height of the blaze.

Trains on the nearby Wolverhampton to Birmingham line had to be stopped due to fears water being used to tackle the flames could fall onto the 25,000 vault cables.

Trains

The fire ripped through the unit in Bloomfield Road just before 10pm on Friday, July 1. Trains were stopped at around midnight but were operating again by 4.30am.

On-site machinery was used to create a fire break so firefighters could control the blaze as they worked through the night.

The cause of the blaze was not yet known as The Chronicle went to press but experts are investigating.

Crew commander Mark Harris, from Tipton fire station, said: "It was quite spectacular, you could see the flames from far away."

He said crews had to break into the site to deal with the blaze which took two hours to get under control but crews remained at the site for many more hours damping down.

Manager David Humphries said: "We don't know what has caused it at the moment. It was timber that had been processed for making bio fuel pellets.

"It was a shock when I found out there was a fire."

He added he was hopeful the recycling depot would open as normal this week.

Firefighters at the scene of the massive timber fire in Tipton on Saturday

Measures planned to prevent traveller invasion

SECURITY measures are being installed in fields in West Bromwich after travellers invaded council-owned land.

Up to 20 families of travellers set up camp on playing fields in West Bromwich last month.

They moved a fleet of caravans onto Newton Road Playing Fields next to Dartmouth Golf Club, close to Sandwell Country Park at the beginning of June.

Sandwell Council had court papers drawn up following complaints, although the families left the site before they could be served. Bosses said there are now plans to install barriers or other security measures at the site to prevent their return.

Councillor Ian Jones said: "The gipsies moved on, on June 17, and since then the site has been cleared up."

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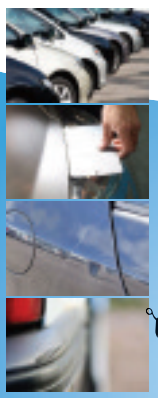

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Haulage firm is to axe 60 staff after fleet cut

A WEST Bromwich based haulage firm is to shed 60 workers.

Sheldon Clayton Logistics, based on the Black Country New Road, said it would protect 150 jobs when it expanded in December, taking turnover to around £20 million.

But now the firm says that to "stabilise" turnover at £20m, it will need to shed 60 jobs.

Soaring fuel costs and the economic downturn have been blamed for less business and tighter margins.

Unavoidable

Chiefs say that has made redundancies "unavoidable".

Company chairman Dave Sheldon said the majority of those being made redundant had left the company already but there were office workers still due to leave.

He added that the 37-year-old firm had already cut its fleet of lorries by 45 in just over a year to reduce costs.

The latest acquisition by the firm saw Willenhall-based AE Costin join the group in October last year.

Mr Sheldon said: "We are under pressure and good management has to react to pressure to stop going like other business have done, and that's to the wall."

Rising fuel cost takes heavy toll as continental hauliers gain the advantage

HAULIERS in the West Midlands have declared the price of fuel as their biggest headache.

A report from the Freight Transport Association (FTA) says haulage rates are failing to keep up with the rising cost of diesel. It says the cost of diesel for commercial vehicle fleets jumped 15.6 per cent in the 12 months to April 1 this year.

This was certainly the case for West Bromwich logistics firm Warley Carriers, which has sites in Oldbury Road in Sandwell and over the Irish Sea in Belfast.

General manager Chris Kibble said the cost of fuel was by far the biggest worry for the industry – and the ever-rising price of filling up was not sustainable.

"We hear talk of fuel increases being frozen but that is not a reduction," he said.

"We are all supposed to be grateful for a freeze on any increase but what we need is a rebate to enable us to compete with our European counterparts, or the introduction of a fuel escalator of some sort.

"This could be rolled out just to the transport industry, giving an industry dying on its knees a shot in the arm," he added.

Fuel costs used to account for around 22 per cent of the company's overheads but the price of fuel has soared by 15 per cent in a short time.

"We buy in 26,000 litres at a time but we still don't save a lot. If I could have got my trucks under the canopy of Sainsbury's that is where I would be filling up.

Pain

"We are all in the same boat. Our customers have to fill their cars up, so they know the situation we are all in. We are all sharing the pain at the pumps."

The Freight Transport Association report revealed the total rise in vehicle operating costs of 6.8 per cent outstripped the rise in domestic haulage rates, which increased by an average of 3.41 per cent – while international haulage rates increased on average by 5.4 per cent.

Bruce Goodhart, FTA research analyst, said: "The high and rising cost of fuel continues to put companies under considerable pressure. With haulage rates failing to keep up with increasing vehicle operating costs, profit margins are being squeezed and jobs put at risk, hampering economic recovery."

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) warned that the record prices for diesel were making it impossible for hauliers to absorb increases, although they were under pressure from customers to do so.

Jack Semple, RHA director of policy, said short-sighted customers who refused increases in the current climate were likely to drive their hauliers out of business.

Nurse in top union job

A THEATRE nurse from Birmingham, Eleanor Smith, has been elected President of Unison.

She is the first black woman to hold the office in the country's biggest public sector trade union with more than one million members.

Union boss Eleanor Smith

Eleanor was born and raised in Birmingham, and started her training aged19 at the city's George Elliott Hospital. She now works at Birmingham Women's Hospital. She became a Nupe (National Union of Public Employees) shop steward in 1990 and nine years later was voted branch secretary.

Following Nupe's merger with Unison, she became the assistant convenor for the West Midlands region. In 2004 she was elected onto the National Executive Council, Unison's ruling body. Since 2007, she has represented her union on the TUC General Council and is a member of the TUC Race Relations Committee.

The married mother of two, and grandmother of one, said: "I am proud to be president of the union as we face some of our biggest challenges."

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Wacky Wagner is still riding the tide of fame

The different faces of Wagner: above, peforming on television's The X Factor; below, teaching karate in the Black Country; bottom, decades ago back home in Brazil pictured with his pet lion!

by Charlotte Cross

THE curtain may have come down on his time in the spotlight on one of the nation's favourite TV shows, but the party is nowhere near over for former Halesowen teacher and X Factor star Wagner.

With movie deals, TV shows and regular gigs taking him all over the country, the bongo-playing cult star has a full diary as he rides out the success the show has brought.

The Brazil-born singer began a regular slot at Wolverhampton's Beacon FM radio station. "The most I thought I ever would be is a singing tramp, and look what has happened to me," he said. "Everything is going very well," he added.

Wagne recently visited ward 15 at Birmingham Children's Hospital as a favour to one of his biggest fans, eight-year-old Joseph Timmins, who has undergone three years of intense chemotherapy at Birmingham Children's Hospital and is now in remission.

Battled

Wagner first met the brave Cradley schoolboy outside the stage door of Birmingham's LG Arena on the X Factor tour, and was moved by the story of how the youngster has battled leukaemia since he was three.

He paid him a surprise visit in a school assembly at Cradley C of E Primary, in Church Road, recently – which, according to his mother Amy, was the highlight of the youngster's year.

The former PE teacher at Leasowes Community College, Halesowen, toured the oncology ward at the hospital, and promised to help however he could in the unit's bid to raise £100,000 for improvements.

"Cancer causes suffering to people and their families, sometimes for years," he said. "My mother fought against cancer for many years, finally losing the battle in 1994, so I know how devastating it can be. It's especially tragic when it's a young child. If I can help and make people smile, I want to do that. So I was happy to come when Joseph and his mother asked me."

Last month Wagner flew to Ireland where he is filming one of three upcoming films – one is a gangster movie, another a comedy, and he is also providing a voiceover in a 3-D animated film, he said.

"I love everything to do with the arts – painting and drawing as well as singing and acting, so I am very much looking forward to it," he said.

As well as performing at various venues across the country each weekend, the flamboyant star will co-present the breakfast show on Beacon FM every Wednesday, between 7am and 10am.

The 54-year-old singer has not let fame – or the hundreds of thousands of pounds raked in through live shows – go to his head and still lives in his bungalow in Pensnett, Dudley.

Each contestant was reportedly paid £100,000 for performing in X Factor Live, while a homecoming show at Stourbridge's River Rooms was said to be in the region of £3,000.

"Pensnett is a great neighbourhood. I love the people, and my best friends all live nearby," he said. "Also, I live just over the road from Fens Pool, which is a beautiful natural environment – why would I want to move from there?"I fell in love with the Black Country and the Black Country people, I wouldn't want to move."

Ever the passionate Brazilian, Wagner moved to Dudley to be with first wife Trudi Brass in 2002 – a marriage which broke down just weeks later – and started working as a supply teacher.

He also ran his own conservatory fitting firm, and taught karate. He was made a British citizen at a ceremony at Dudley Council House in 2005.

Wagner finished in sixth place in the TV talent competition in Louis Walsh's over-28s category. He was the most controversial contestant, winning applause for his humour and bizarre versions of popular songs.

Wagner, visiting Birmingham Children's Hospital, with patient Joseph Timmins

Wagner and Joseph on the wards of the Birmingham Children's Hospital

Wagner is now a DJ on Beacon Radio

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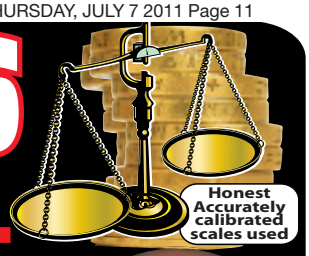

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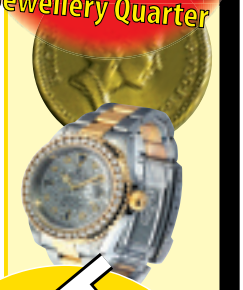

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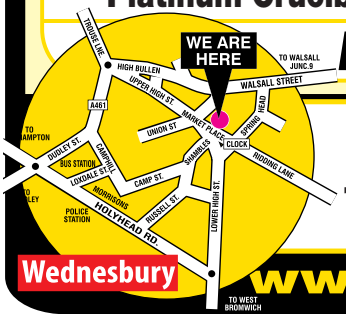

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Appeal to raise £15,000 for teenager's life-changing op

Front are Emma Mantle with mother Barbara and, back aunts Diane Stott, Karen Howes and Jackie Bunce with the £15,000 fundraising appeal poster

THE mother of a Tipton teenager who suffers with severe epilepsy has launched a £15,000 fundraising appeal for an operation to improve the 19-year-old's quality of life.

Emma Mantle suffers with learning difficulties as well as multi-focal partial epilepsy and needs constant care.

She was denied the vagal nerve stimulation operation on the NHS. It involves a tiny device being inserted under the skin to stimulate the brain and reduce the risk of having fits.

So now her mother, Barbara Mantle, who is a full-time carer for Emma at their home in Parkes Lane, is taking on the fundraising herself.

"At the moment Emma has no life at all," said Mrs Mantle, aged 50. "Wherever she goes I have to go with her. She needs help getting dressed in the morning and feeding.

"She has been known to have up to 15 fits on one day and it can take two hours for her to come round."

Various fundraising events are being planned. Mrs Mantle is holding car boot sales in Bridgnorth every Saturday and there will be a 12-mile sponsored walk on September 11.

There will also be a charity night at Tipton Sports Academy. Mrs Mantle's sister, Jackie, 52, plans to shave her head at the event.

A statement from the West Midlands Specialised Commissioning Team who made the funding decision, said: "We recognise that it is difficult for the patient when these requests may be refused, however, we have to ensure that we make the most clinically effective and efficient use of finite resources."

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Nurse loses unfair dismissal claim after residents are left in urine-soaked beds

THE nurse in charge of a Smethwick care home where residents were left in soaked beds and without drinks all night has lost a compensation claim for unfair dismissal.

Grace Simister, of Dudley, made her compensation claim at Birmingham Employment Tribunal against First Care (Smethwick) Ltd.The firm runs Ash Lodge care home on Londonderry Lane in Smethwick.

Mr Mark Thompson, representing the firm, said Miss Simister was in charge on June 25, 2009, when residents were left in soaked sheets after their urine pads were not changed.

Other residents were left without drinks, while one dementia-suffering woman was left covered in spilled drink in a bed tilted at its maximum height, leaving her head and feet "scrunched up".

Potentially infected linen was not thrown away but left on the floor by a shingles sufferer's bed, the tribunal heard.

Miss Simister was later sacked for gross misconduct.

She said she was not given a chance by the management to give an explanation and said staff had not put the correct pads on the residents.

Appalling

During cross-examination Mr Thompson accused Miss Simister of "passing the buck" and reminded her that she admitted she would not have let a member of her family to have been left in such appalling conditions.

The tribunal earlier heard that Miss Simister had been given a final written warning and had seven complaints made against her in two months before suspension and was dismissed in November 2009.

The final warning followed disputes with a staff member

The tribunal ruled that the claim for unfair dismissal was rejected."

Students' artwork goes on display

Design student Clair Welch

STUDENTS at Halesowen College have been exhibiting coursework in their end-of-year display.

The show features 20 displays ranging from a collection of 1930s diaries to a complex contraption for transporting water. It has been organised to celebrate the end of the course and show what they have been working on in recent months.

Each of the student artists has been given the freedom to choose their own theme and use any materials. Jade Cooper, 19, of Tividale, found a box of someone's personal belongings in a charity shop in Bournville and used them in her display.

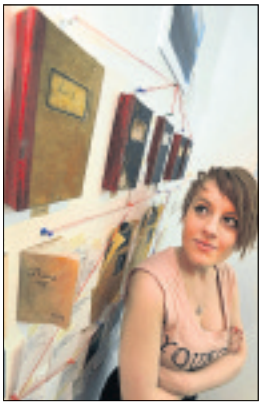
Diaries

It contained letters and diaries by a couple from Kings Heath,Birmingham, from the 1930s to the 1980s. Jade has reproduced some of the artefacts and made a montage piecing together aspects of the couple's lives.

She has also painted portraits of the couple using two small photographs which were in the box.

Fellow students Christopher Perks, 20, of Quarry Bank, has built a network of pipes and tubes to move water around, controlled by levers and pulleys. He was inspired by the board game Mouse Trap, he said.

Claire Welch, 18, of Oldbury, has taken images from Ladybird children's books, painted them on a tea set and surrounded them with "cynical" messages.



Jade Cooper with her work

Holidays lotto boost

Celebrating, front, Paul Hunt from The Albion Foundation with student Sarah Downing, The Meadows' Russell Abbott and Sue Gough of Sandwell Council

DISABLED children in Sandwell are looking forward to free holiday activities after Oldbury's Meadows Sports College scooped a £58,000 lottery windfall in the Jubilee People's Millions competition live on television last week. Sandwell Council's those who voted for the project on ITV Central.

Metal music but not so heavy at Oak House

WEST Bromwich's historic Oak House will be hosting an afternoon of "metal music" on Sunday, July 10.

Sandwell Museums are to launch into a season activities around the region-wide Home of Metal project, which celebrates the Midlands as the birthplace of the heavy rock genre made famous by such local bands at Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and Judas Priest.

But rather than rocking the 16th century mansion to its rafters, staff will be running a series of events based around instruments made of metal.

There will be performances by steel and brass bands after which visitors can try out the instruments too.

Youngsters will also be given the opportunity to make their own instruments and join a musical trail.

Admission is free but there is a small charge for craft activities. The metal music event will run between 2 to 5pm.

Church fair

A CHURCH in Perry Barr will be holding its summer fair on Saturday, July 9. The event, from 1 to 3.30pm, will include childrens activities, tombolas, face painting and afternoon teas.

It will be held in the grounds of St John's Church in Church Road.

Stalls, selling cakes and jam, CDs, DVDs, toys giftware, jewellery and cosmetics, will be inside the church and hot food will be served.

Knit and natter

KNITTING fans are being invited to a new Tipton library event to share stories.

Glebefields Library is the latest library in the town to start a 'knit and natter' event. People are invited to swap patterns and share a chat at the St Mark's Road library.

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Secret diabetes danger

MORE than one in three people in the West Midlands could be risking their health by keeping their diabetes secret, a report has warned.

It has found 300,000 children with diabetes are at risk of kidney failure, amputation and stroke with 144,000 aT dangerously high risk. They could need major hospital care in future decades, putting huge strain on health services.

Diabetes UK has found a third of the 270,000 people in the region with the condition could be putting themselves at risk by keeping it secret.

Around 29 per cent of those with diabetes had, or were still keeping it a secret.

Many said they kept their condition a secret for fear of discrimination or bullying, especially at work. Many also kept it from their friends.

Reasons included not wanting diabetes to affect employment chances or people assuming the condition developed as a result of an unhealthy diet.

Alarm

Dr Bob Young, clinical lead for the National Diabetes Information Service, said: "These results ring alarm bells. They show that younger people make up a quarter of all those with diabetes yet have the highest risks of potentially preventable complications."

Meanwhile, efforts are being made to help thousands of diabetic Muslims who fast during Ramadan, which will last this year from around August 1 to 29.

Fasting during Ramadan is one of the key elements of Islam and considered compulsory in the culture, though Muslims suffering with diabetes are advised not to fast.

Up to 28,000 Muslims in Birmingham will have difficulties as they try to manage blood sugar levels during this time. However, a drug called Vildagliptin, has been introduced to make it easier for Muslims with type 2 diabetes, by preventing the lowering of blood sugar levels to halt the chances of hypoglycaemia.

Dr Waqar Malik, a Consultant Diabetologist at the Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, said "Some patients stop their medication completely during Ramadan. We are offering Vildagliptin to cause less trouble for diabetics during this period. We are offering the drug in the hope...the experience to be better and safer for Muslims."

Charlotte Hill (left) is presented with her award by trust chairman Sue Davis

Charlotte's a sight saver

A HOSPITAL worker who helped set up a service which has saved he sight of hundreds of people across the West Midlands has been recognised by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust for her outstanding contribution.

Charlotte Hill, Medical Retina Manager at City Hospital's Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre (BMEC), was presented with the Chairman's Award by Sue Davis for her part in providing an excellent ongoing service to patients.

Charlotte manages the a fast track macular clinic and AMD (age-related macular degeneration) service which helps save the sight, or gives a better quality of vision, to patients across the region and beyond.

Macular degeneration is the most significant cause of sight loss in the UK and in 2009 the Medical Retina Service won national recognition for their work. The service won the Best AMD Clinical Service Award, voted by members of the Macular Disease Society.

Charlotte, from Walsall, who has worked at the trust for ten years, was nominated for the award by 14 of her colleagues and her patients.

Trust chairman Sue Davis said: "I was impressed by the range of people who had nominated Charlotte and there were several themes that caught my eye: the efficiency of the service she runs, that she is approachable as an individual and – the most telling phrase – that her team is in harmony under her leadership."

Appreciated

Consultant Ophthalmologist, Professor Jonathan Gibson, said: "Charlotte is a tremendous asset to the trust and fully deserves this award."

Charlotte said: "I'm really pleased to have won the award. I feel really appreciated!

"We are the second largest eye centre in the UK and I am proud to say we do run an excellent operation and the Medical Retina Service is one of the reasons why."

The award is a £250 prize to be spent in the winner's department. Charlotte plans to spend the money on an electronic measure to help with assessing patients inthe outpatients' department.

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Black Country historian investigates Romans

Professor Mick Aston

A TV history expert originally from Oldbury will be the star attraction at an open day at a Roman village in Staffordshire on Saturday.

Professor Mick Aston from Channel 4's Time Team will be making a guest appearance at Wall, near Lichfield, where he made his tentative first steps in archaeology as a teenager.

The academic invited Blackadder actor Tony Robinson to present the popular Time Team programme after meeting him on an archaeology course in Greece. The series has regularly pulled in millions of viewers. as the team have uncovered many lost sites, from ancient times to the Industrial Revolution.

The 64-year-old professor acts as chief archaeological adviser to the programme and takes a prominent on-screen role in most episodes. He has become a celebrity to the viewing public for his trademark colourful jumpers and wild haire.

He will be at the Letocetum Roman Baths site in Wall on Sunday, July 9, as part of an open day at the National Trust site.

Soldiers

John Crowe, of The Friends of Letocetum who open and staff the site museum on certain times of the year, said Wall had been a stop-off point for Romans soldiers just a few years after they invaded England in 43AD.

Initially the Roman army developed a succession of forts at the site and later, as civilian settlements grew, it became a key location for travellers to rest when using Watling Street, which was the Roman equivalent of the M1.

The museum houses a collection of Roman artefacts found at Wall, including tiles, coins and tools.

Children's activities on the day will include dressing up as Romans,.

The event runs from 11am to 5pm and there will be guided tours.

Zero tolerance in park means police seize off-road bikes

OFF-ROAD bikes have been seized from people caught riding them illegally in a park on the Wednesbury and Darlaston border.

Police officers have confiscated two bikes following complaints from residents about noise, nuisance and damage to the land at Kings Hill Park.

It is the latest zero-tolerance operation against off-road bikers launched in a local park. Kings Hill, which is bordered by Forge Road and Old Park Road, is popular with families and dog walkers.

Racing

Darlaston South ward representative Councillor Graham Wilkes said: "Riders are coming down to the park to ride across the land. They are racing around with youngsters sitting on the handlebars.

"The bikes vary from scramblers, to big motorcycles and even trikes have been seen. It's causing a nuisance to residents who take their children to play or those wanting to walk their dogs because the noise of the engines frighten the pets.

"These riders also weave around walkers and are quite annoying to people after peace and quiet.The bikes also tear up the grass."

Cllr Wilkes said there were plans to install new fences at the park to help prevent motorcyclists from getting in.

He said he was meeting the new neighbourhood sergeant Jackie Nicholson for discussions.

West Midlands Police spokesperson Joanne Hunt said: "Local police are aware of the issues involving off-road bikes in Kings Hill Park and regularly conduct operations to tackle the problem, including one recently with colleagues from the force's traffic unit.A number of bikes were stopped and there have been some seized after their owners were found to be riding without insurance.

"We are committed to tackling anti-social behaviour and crime across the area and urge anyone who would like to report crime or instances of anti-social behaviour to contact their local neighbourhood team."

University opens centre in south China

THE University of Birmingham will open a centre in a south Chinese province later this summer.

The facility in Guangzhou will be in partnership with the People's Government of Guangzhou Municipality. Joint research projects will be the focus of the new centre, which will identify, design and co-ordinate projects in the province and Pearl River Delta region.

Contacts with businesses in the region will be developed.

Bully at charity football tournament

TIPTON'S former Wolves and England football star Steve Bull will be a special guest at a fun day and football tournament at the Goals Soccer Centre in Rowley Regis tomorrow (Friday). Sandwell Police have donated £1,000 to the event also involving Sandwell Extended Services, Promise Dreams, The Albion Foundation, Fusion Dance, Sandwell Leisure Trust and hosts Beacon Radio.

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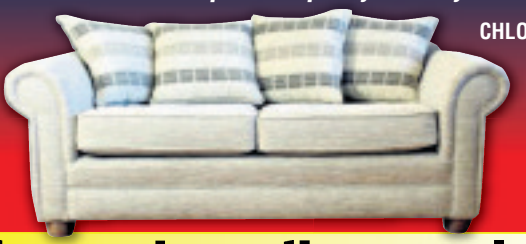

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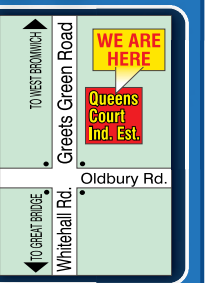

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Take That and party at Villa Park

The robot, Om, begins to move

THE deafening screams of the 48,000-strong crowd said it all as the first night of Take That's Progress Live tour hit Villa Park.

Fans have been waiting 15 years to see Robbie Williams back with the other four lads and it was well worth the wait for those who turned out for the first of the June 27 and 28 concerts. Die-hard fans had baked in Sunday's scorching heat to get to the front of the queue for the unreserved standing section. Thousands lined the streets surrounding the stadium to see the biggest comeback in pop history.

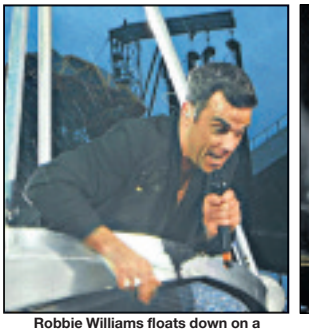
They weren't disappointed. Following an opening set from the Pet Shop Boys, the stadium filled up with a capacity audience of 48,584 to see Gary, Mark, Jason and Howard reunited with Robbie, who also sang his solo hits.

The magnificent set was dominated by a giant robot called Om that lifted its arms up and turned its hands into mini stages. They'd chosen their first two songs carefully, Rule the World and Greatest Day, summing up the feelings of the masses.

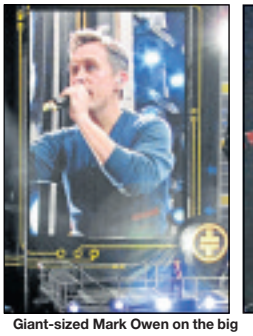
The pitch and stands at Villa Park were full with Take That fans on Monday night (June 27) as the band played the first of two nights at the stadium in Birmingham packed with fans from across the Midlands, the Black Country and beyond

This group of friends from Tipton are getting into the spirit of things at last Monday's show at Villa Park

Hayley Causer, Pati Barrera, Deb Causer, Holly Dixon, Donna Causer and Jade Causer, all, from Great Barr



Robbie Williams floats down on a hovering platform



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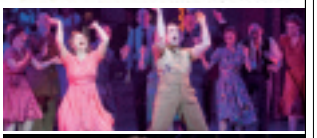

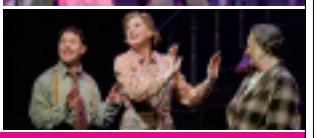

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Lorraine saddles up in the city to encourage healthy lifestyles

TELEVISION presenter Lorraine Kelly got on her bike to encourage Brummies and Black Country folk to take part in the city's family Sky Ride event, a traffic-free route between the city's landmarks last weekend.

TV presenter Lorraine Kelly uses pedal power in Birmingham city centre

"I think it's a fantastic event because it's not a race, it's about getting fit and it is for all the family, mums included," said the Scottish TV celebrity.

"We have a got a serious obesity problem in this country and I think it is profoundly shocking that the current generation we are raising may be the first to be outlived by their parents.

"I think it would be good for more children to put away their games consoles and get out on a bike instead.

"I got my first bike when I was six years old. It was pink and had ribbons on the handlebars. I still have very happy memories of it," added the 51-year-old Glaswegian, who now divides her time between London and Dundee.

"My husband often jumps onto a Boris bike when he is in London, it's healthier and allows you to avoid the traffic jams," she said.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson's bike rental scheme, backed by Barclays Bank, involves 5,000 bikes that can be hired using debit or credit cards with the first half hour free of charge. There are more than 300 docking stations where the bikes can be collected or dropped off.

Chocolate

"I think it is a really good idea and I hope it will spread to other cities across the country," said Lorraine.

Other Sky Ride events planned for later this month include the 23 and a half mile Great Barr Express for those aged 13-plus on Sunday, July 10. That's the same day as the six mile Chocolate Trail through Bournville, an easy ride for all ages. Both are free and start at 10am.

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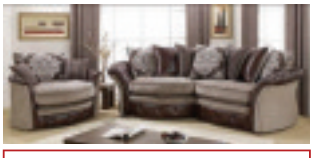

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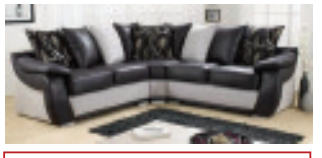

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Bad girl and bands on brink of the big time

Ke$ha

Ke$ha – Animal + Cannibal (RCA)

The bratty wanna-be bad girl of pop got plenty of attention, stateside at least, with Animal her debut album 18 months ago, for which she boasted having a potential 200 tracks. Funny then that the next 'album' is a 'deluxe' version of the same debut album with the additional of just an ep's worth of new stuff. With her vocodered-auto-tuned vocals it's hard to tell what Ke$ha really sounds like. Bit like a whiny Pink. If Katy Perry is a teaser than Ke$ha likes to deliver the real rude stuff. It's a popular approach, chavvy electro dance pop, a pale shadow of Britney when she was at her best and without an ounce of Lady Gaga's talent, but it's yielded massive hits such as Tik Tok, Your Love Is My Drug and We R Who We R. But with lyrics like 'even my dirty laundry has started to smell like you,' I would recommend keeping a sick bag handy.

Selena Gomez and the Scene – When The Sun Goes Down (Hollywood)

Selena Gomez

The third album in three years from the Disney princess and she is now sounding more like a bona fide pop star than that wisecracking girl from Wizards of Waverley Place. There's plenty of potential hits here including the title song, That's More Like It (co-written by Katy Perry), Bang Bang Bang (which sounds a little like La Roux), We Own The Night (co-written by and sung with Pixie Lott), and Whiplash (co-written by Britney Spears).

Death Cab For Cutie – Codes And Keys (Atlantic)

Formed 14 years ago on the north-west coast of the US, Death Cab's rise to success has been slow but progressive, finally making a commercial breakthrough in their homeland with fifth studio album Plans. Featuring the vocals of Ben Gibbard, theirs is a reflective, melancholy rock sound akin to REM and Arcade Fire. Codes And Keys, their first album in three years, is another solid piece of work with slowburning appeal and their slot support for The Foo Fighters at Milton Keynes will hopefully make many more realise what a good band they are...the next Arcade Fire or Elbow maybe?

Limp Bizkit – Gold Cobra (Interscope)

The 35 million album selling rap mega-rockers are back with their fifth album and their original 'classic' five-piece line-up fronted by Fred Durst. It is a hard and heavy expletive sound that will be heard from most US soldier beat boxes in dusty death zones.

Dave Stewart – The Blackbird Diaries (Weapons of Mass Entertainment)

The lesser-known half of The Eurthymics loves country rock and has headed to Nashville to record his first solo album in a long time, so if you're expecting synths and Annie Lennox, forget it. What you do get is some well-produced songs with Stewart's poor man's Clapton guitar and some star turns from such singers as Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks (who co-wrote duet Cheaper Than Free), Martina McBride (whose husband John associate-produced), Californian pop star Colbie Callait and, on two tracks, those rather excellent young exponents of old time country The Secret Sisters. The ladies do show up his bland vocals. And though Stewart has a way with a melody, his lyrics are poor. Best song is Worth The Waiting For and that's because Bob Dylan co-wrote it.

Death Cab For Cutie

Alice Gold – Seven Rainbows (Fiction)

A decade that's been blessed with a stunning array of new female talent continues with the potent vocals of Alice Gold, pitched somewhere between the grit of PJ Harvey and loveliness of Katie Melua. This is pop with psychedelic hints and a few dark undercurrents, from the French 60s pop influenced Runaway Love via the Jefferson Airplane-like Orbiter and the menacing How Long Have These Streets Been Empty.

Max McElligott

Wolf Gang – Suego Faults (Atlantic)

A strong buzz justifiably surrounds this London-based symphonic pop/rock outfit which is a vehicle for the talent of Max McElligott. His musical reference points include Talking Heads, The Killers, Tears For Fears, The Editors and Ben Folds but most importantly also has something unique in his yearning, electro-rock wall of sound. Check them out at the Weston Park leg of the V Festival and you can download third single The King and All of His Men or hold on for the debut album's release on July 25.

Simple Plan – Get Your Heart On! (Atlantic)

Fourth studio album from the Canadian pop-punkers is a solid set of melodic rockers, more than a match for the likes of McFly but not in the Green Day league, and features some guest singers including Natasha Bedingfield (Jet Lag) and All Time Low's Alex Gaskarth on Freaking Me Out. Other standout tracks include Can't Keep My Hands Off You and Loser of the Year. Strange that we've become such a celeb-centred society that they can sing lyrics about not getting enough messages on their Blackberry, jet lag and having a fridge full of Champagne without alienating their listeners.

Simple Plan

Sophie Ellis-Bextor – Make A Scene (Essential)

It seems like a long time since Murder on the Dancefloor (and supporting Erasure on Cannock Chase last month she had to contend with mud on the dancefloor). Plenty of quality songwriters and producers are involved in this album, including Freemasons, Calvin Harris, Cathy Dennis and Armin Van Buuren. But there's a darn sight more misses than hits. The most potential as a hit is Heartbreak (Make Me A Dancer) which is a nicely dramatic slice of electro pop with a hint of Blondie about it.

All Time Low

All Time Low – Dirty Work (DGC)

Punchy punky power pop from a band that formed at high school in Maryland USA. This is their fourth album but the first on a major label and likely to catapult them to the forefront of the pop punk scene that's fast becoming the musical mainstream stateside. Raucous, melodic with a bit of angst but not enough to make things miserable. Includes the single I Feel Like Dancin' and probable future hit Time-Bomb.

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Hospital notes are found lying in the streets

CONFIDENTIAL hospital notes and medical waste including syringes have been found on streets near Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Charts listing patients' names, dates of birth, condition and treatment have been found littering the pavements on surrounding roads, along with alcohol swabs and even catheter tubes.

Residents have blamed staff who continue to park outside their homes for dropping the items. Hospital chief executive Paula Clark said a probe had been launched and assured patients protecting personal information was taken seriously by the staff.

Resident Nicholas Bate, of Kingswinford Road, said: "Staff are regularly dropping confidential patients' notes and information as well as medical waste on the road when they leave their cars, or return to them after their shift," he said.

"I've found stethoscopes, syringes, catheters, and even what appeared to be needles. I've also picked up confidential notes about patients who have died, hospital wristbands, and treatment records. It's disgraceful."

Hospital bosses in Dudley have now launched an investigation.

One member of staff has already been reprimanded after documents were discovered in the street near Russells Hall Hospital. Dudley Group of Hospitals' chief executive Paula Clark said an investigation was "immediately" launched as soon as they received the reports of hospital notes being found outside.

"We have policies and procedures in place to protect patient data and take any breaches very seriously," she added.

"Protecting patient information is very important to us and we are continually reinforcing this with our staff," she said. Among those identified in the notes is pensioner Violet Poulton, aged 80, from Stourbridge, who said she couldn't understand why her notes would have left the hospital.

Stored

"It's very concerning. I can't even imagine why any notes would be taken outside the hospital – whenever I have seen the notes before they have been bound and stored away," she said.

Mr Bate, who alerted the hospital trust to the information leak, said he regularly has to patrol the streets to pick up dropped items. He said he feared someone could get injured if the items were left where they had been dropped.

Mr Bate also said he had often had to call back doctors when they dropped something on their way to work and often notes had included private information about patients' treatment records.

He said the problem had got worse over the past few years.

Double delight for mothers

Emma Merryweather and son Lucas and her sister-in-law Laura Longhurst and daughter Katelyn recovering after their hospital treatment

IT is a double celebration for a family as its two youngest children have fought back after suffering life-threatening conditions at birth.

Now fundraising is planned to help raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital where the babies received treatment.

Brother and sister William Merryweather, aged 32, and Laura Longhurst, 27, were both struck with bad luck after their new born children suffered serious medical conditions. The family, including grandmother Angela Merryweather, aged 58, have already raised £500 for the hospital's Red Balloon Appeal. Just five days after Lucas was born on July 22 last year, Mrs Merryweather, aged 31, said the newborn needed open heart surgery. Mrs Merryweather and her husband William, an electrician, of Greenhill Road, Halesowen, said: "From the start the staff were brilliant. We just wanted to do any fundraising to help them." Laura and partner Daniel Smith, 27, had Katelyn on April 10 this year. But with hours of returning home to Junction Street, Oldbury, they sensed something was wrong. The youngster spent 10 days in intensive care fighting pneumonia.

Routine call finds drugs

POLICE found 27 cannabis plants growing in a Dudley man's cellar after being called to his home on another matter, a court heard.

William Jones, who was hard of hearing and was on incapacity benefit, used the drug as a "safe medication", Dudley magistrates heard. Jones, aged 37, of Aston Road, admitted producing cannabis and sentencing was adjourned until July 12 for a probation report. Miss Val Hart, prosecuting, said police went to Jones's home for another matter that was not before the court on May 26.

They found 27 cannabis plants in the cellar at various stages of growth and a system set up for the production of the plants.

Michael Davies, defending, said Jones had been quite successful in his cultivation of the plants, which were for his own use as a means of safe medication.

Leisure centre to shuts in October with successor opening in 2013

A SANDWELL leisure centre will close at the end of October ahead of an £18 million redevelopment, leaving residents without nearby sports facilities for two years.

Oldbury Leisure Centre is due to be replaced by the long-awaited Portway Lifestyle Centre by 2013.

It is expected the building will close its doors for good on October 30.

Construction crews are then due to move onto the Newbury Lane site, stopping nearby residents using the facility until the Portway Leisure Centre is finished.

An exact date has not been set for construction to start. People will instead be asked to use alternative council-run leisure centres across the borough, the nearest of which is three-and-a-half miles away at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, in Barrs Road in Cradley Heath.

There are extra facilities around four miles away at Smethwick Swimming Centre and Thimblemill Recreation and Entertainment Centre, both in Thimblemill Road, Hadley Stadium on Waterloo Road as well as Harry Mitchell Leisure Centre, on Broomfield.

Alternatively, they can use Tipton Sports Academy, in Wednesbury Oak Road, or Wednesbury Leisure Centre on High Bullen – five and six miles away respectively.

Sensory

Councillor Linda Horton, Sandwell's leisure chief, said: "Oldbury Leisure Centre has served the community well but it is at the end of its useful life.

"Portway Lifestyle Centre will be a superb replacement, open to all and with a focus on disabled people.

"We have legal and financial agreements to complete and then demolition work will start in earnest."

The Portway Lifestyle Centre will include a four-court sports hall, hydrotherapy pool, cafe, sensory garden and climbing wall.

There will also be a dance studio and fitness suite, and a full artificial grass pitch for senior, junior and 5-a-side football. In addition the centre will have a doctors' surgery which will be called Tividale Family Practice.

The centre was left hanging in the balance after the Government announced a review of all health and social care building projects funded with Department of Health money.

The scheme finally received the go-ahead from the Government in April.

Ward open again after year-long £2m upgrade

A HOSPITAL ward treating seriously ill patients has reopened following a year-long £2 million upgrade.

The Medical Assessment Unit at City Hospital, on the Sandwell and Birmingham border, provides care for people from across the area who have suffered serious health problems, which includes heart attacks and serious infections.

Twelve months of work has seen the internal layout of the unit altered, to create more space and improve privacy and new windows installed to brighten up the wards. The number of side rooms for patients with infectious diseases has increased from two to six and a private relatives room has also been created.

A dedicated area has also been created that allows patients who have been referred to the unit by their GP to be assessed.

Rooms

The new unit has 23 beds, including the six side rooms.

Emma Jewiss, ward manager, said: "Another really positive improvement in terms of privacy and dignity has been the introduction of more bathroom facilities with a toilet in each bay.

"The unit provides a much brighter and more spacious layout. It's a much nicer environment for patients to be nursed in."

During the period of refurbishment patients were moved to D28 and D29 wards at the hospital, on Dudley Road.

Consultant in Acute Medicine, Dr Sarbjit Clare, said: "It was initially a big change but because we had so many hands on deck and had such a fantastic team the move went very smoothly."

Beauty spot needs help

STAFF at a Sandwell nature reserve are appealing for volunteers to help with a number of projects that are taking place.

The volunteers are needed at Sot's Hole in Dagger lane, West Bromwich, which is on the edge of the Sandwell Valley Country Park.

The Friends' of Sot's Hole have worked hard in recent years, along with Sandwell Council, to make the nature reserve a welcoming place for both visitors and wildlife.

This year, there will be a number of opportunities for people to help out with. The volunteers do not need any experience as any relevant training will be offered to those that need it. All they need is to bring with them a pair of strong shoes or boots.

Events

Peter Ward, group treasurer, said: "The Friends' group is also organising a number of events in Sot's Hole, so if you don't fancy the practical side, why not help with the event planning? We need helping hands to show visitors around the reserve, provide help on our information stand, give out leaflets, all sorts of things."

If anyone has spare time and would like to help then they should contact the friends' group. The next meeting will be at Sandwell Park Farm Visitor Centre, Salters Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4BG, at 10am on Tuesday, July 12. All are welcome. Call Jo Miskin on (0121) 553 0220.

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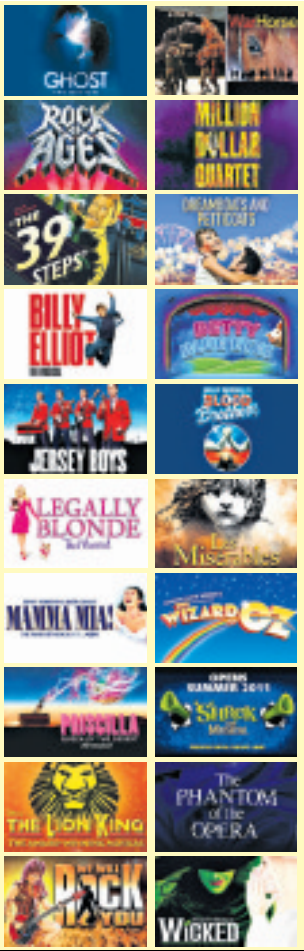

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Anger – Anthony McDonagh, aged 29, from Tipton, with his parking ticket

Anger over £430 parking bill

MOTORIST Anthony McDonagh has issued a warning to Black Country motorists after he was left with a £430 bill for failing to display his parking ticket correctly.

Mr McDonagh, from Tipton, was hit with the hefty release fee after he left his Toyota in a car park in Birmingham's Sheepcote Street, off Broad Street. When he returned to his vehicle he found it had been taken away by clamping firm Midway Parks as the ticket had been displayed face down.

The 29-year-old, of Lichfield Street, was then told to hand over the cash before bosses at Midway would release his vehicle. Mr McDonagh said: "I know that by not displaying the ticket correctly I was in the wrong but £430 is clearly an excessive amount of money to have to pay.

Trek

"I am going on a charity trek in aid of the British Legion and unfortunately this incident has really taken the edge off it for myself and my family."

After Mr McDonagh complained about Saturday's incident, Midway agreed to donate £200 towards his charity trek.

Mr McDonagh said it was a "nice gesture" but something needed to be done about excessive parking fees.

Review

Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra
Ragley Hall, near Alcester

There comes a point in a music fan's life, somewhere post-40, when rock festivals lose their appeal. Thank heavens then for family picnic music events such as the Jools Holland concert in the grounds of Warwickshire mansion Ragley Hall on Saturday night.

The setting was perfect, a warm summer evening, a lake-side stage of which everyone could get a decent view and even an area at the front of the stage to dance to the boogie sounds of piano man Jools. He is an affable showman and in his near two hour set got most of his 20-odd piece band to show their talents, including veteran reggae trombonist Rico Rodriguez, explosive drummer Gilson Lavis, guitar man Mark Flanagan, as well as Jools' organist brother Chris, plus singers Louise Marshall and Jools' daughter Rosie Mae.

The special guest was 1960s pop icon Sandie Shaw, still shoeless and effortlessly turning back the clock for her classics Girl Don't Come and Always Something There To Remind Me. She even sang her Eurovision hit, Puppet On A String, but in a radical soulful version.The evening was rounded off in fine style by final guest, Handsworth queen of soul and blues, Ruby Turner, her gritty gospel vocals more than a match for the orchestra in full bluesy flow. **LB**

Cream tea

A SUMMER cream tea and sale is to be held at a Great Barr church hall.

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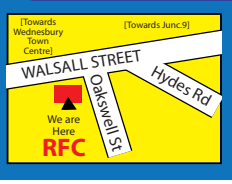

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Bin lids and brooms are the order of the day for the Stomp-inspired performance, due to take place on July 13

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BTEC Performing Arts students at Castle High School are busy preparing for a big night on Wednesday, July 13.

Students will be showcasing their many talents as part of a performing arts evening at the event.

One part of the packed programme of events will be a dance based on the work of Stomp Theatre Company. This dance involves the use of dustbin lids and brooms which has seen the School Caretaker take action to prevent the disappearance of all his dustbin lids. He has contacted Bird Stevens of Brierley Hill, the company that supplies the Stomp Theatre Company, and has persuaded them to donate 10 lids to the school.

Deputy head Roger Pemberton said: "Having seen a recent Stomp Company performance in Birmingham, I am looking forward to see the excitement reproduced by our talented students and I hope the audience appreciate the physical demands of the dance."

The dance will also be performed at the Dudley Schools Dance Festival on July 15 when local primary and secondary schools participate at Castle High School.

These performances are just one aspect of Performing Arts the school brings to the community when BTEC students perform.

Students during a performance at The Robin 2 venue in Bilston

In the last 12 months, the music department has gone beyond its usual concerts in school and is now performing at venues across the local area, wowing audiences at The River Rooms in Stourbridge and the Robin 2 in Bilston.

Two school bands will be playing in the Dudley Schools' Rock the Castle event in early July. Headteacher Michelle King said: "I am constantly impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of our students and by the sheer numbers of them taking part in aspects of Performing Arts.As our reputation grows, so does the range of events and size of our audiences."

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The large crowd enjoying the entertainment during the Smethwick Mela

Thousands enjoy Mela fun

Dhol drummers Sandip Ghattaora, on the left, with Aaron Perdesi

THOUSANDS enjoyed summer fun with fair rides and music as the Smethwick Mela celebrations took over the town.

A range of attractions were held at Victoria Park, on Sunday as around 10,000 revellers enjoyed the warm weather. There were rides and slides for children. Lots of food stalls. One of the main attractions was the live music stage at which thousands of people gathered.

The event was organised through Raaj FM radio station in partnership with Claim Today Solicitors, East End Foods, Star TV network, Sandwell Leisure Trust and local businesses.

Suky Kaur and Roop Singh, both 35, took children Harman, two, and six-year-old Anmol to the festival. Suky, of Lonicera Close, Tamebridge, said: "It gets everyone together and there is a lot to do. It is a nice summer day out."

Enjoying the family day Roop Singh and Suky Kaur with their children Anmol Kaur and Harman Singh

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- Work experience placements
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Bookings for Tuesdays throughout the term are open to Sandwell schools, colleges and Surestarts a.m. and p.m. sessions.

Here's what some schools have had to say about a visit to Salop Drive Market Garden:

'We had a fantastic time! The staff had researched our Dig for Victory theme and our pupils tried the World War II style vegetables, even the stinging nettles.' Burnt Tree Primary

'Excellent afternoon out with a direct link to our creative curriculum work on local environment.' Cape Hill Primary

'Pitched at the right level for our reception class to learn about growing and healthy eating.' Moat Farm Infants

We also offer tailor-made curriculum related workshops, and advice and support for teachers, Surestart and community groups.

To book, teachers or groups can contact;

Caroline Hill, Sandwell PCT, Tel 0121 289 3044 caroline.hill@nhs.net

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The latest aerial view of the new £27 million Tesco superstore taking shape at Burnt Tree Island.

Bird's eye view of a £27m Tesco

THIS aerial image shows a bird's eye view of the new £27 million Tesco superstore taking shape in the Black Country.

Construction of the supermarket at Burnt Tree Island on the border of Dudley and Sandwell started in March.

As the photograph shows, most of the metal frame for the new building has been erected while work on the sales floor is well under way.

The lower floor of the building will be used for car parking. Work is also progressing on the timber cladding on the front of the building and a glass entrance will also be put in place.

The store is expected to be completed before the end of the year and Tesco bosses hope it will be trading in time for Christmas.

Pipes

Work to clear the site of debris was finished in March following demolition of the old store, including its landmark clock tower, in January. The storerooms at the back of the site were taken down last because they contained refrigeration pipes which had to be cleared of gas.

Old mine shafts around the site also had to be filled in before construction could start. The original supermarket was built in 1992 on the site of the former Ewarts factory.

A temporary store with 120 staff has opened on the site while the new supermarket is being built.

The remaining 300 workers have been transferred to other branches during building work.

It is hoped to use some of the materials from the old store in the rebuilding work but there are no plans to recreate the clock tower in the new designs.

The store, which will be three times the size of the old one, is planned as a "concept store"and may include facilities such as a hair salon, nail bar and gym – although these developments are still under discussion.

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Holly Wright is in the national finals of the Festival4Stars

Singing sensation Holly heads for the UK final

A BLACK Country schoolgirl hopes to hit the right notes when she heads to Scotland to represent her region in a singing competition.

Holly Wright, aged 11, from Forest Drive, Old Hill, sailed through the Festival4Stars auditions singing The Wind Beneath My Wings. The Netherbrook Primary pupil saw off competition from people three years her senior to win the Solo Singing 14 and Under category. She went on to beat rivals in the region's final last month at the Hilton Hotel in Birmingham to seal her place as Midlands representative for the prestigious final in November.

The competition has had celebrity judges including Blue heart-throb Duncan James and Bucks Fizz singer Cheryl Baker.

Mother Michelle Wright said: "I'm very proud of her. She's only had singing lessons for 18 months."

Six hundred children sing in Latin for 'live and kicking' composer

MORE than 600 primary and secondary school singers from across Birmingham will have the chance to impress world-renowned composer Karl Jenkins when he attends their performance of his Stabat Mater at Symphony Hall on Monday, July 11.

This is the second year the composer has given his commitment and support to Town Hall and Symphony Hall's *Sing for All: Creative Foundations*, an experience he described last year as "a revelation".

The concert is the grand finale of the project and the result of many months' work by the schoolchildren and teachers to learn the large scale choral piece, which is sung in Latin.

Since January, teachers have attended a series of workshops at Symphony Hall with musical director John Gibbons, who has been giving professional training and advice.

This, in turn, assists the teachers in their rehearsals with the children who need to overcome the significant challenges of learning such a large scale work intended for adult choirs and sung in an unfamiliar language.

Sing for All: Creative Foundations gives the youngsters an opportunity to strive for the highest levels of p ersonal attainment and, for most, it will be their first concert experience, performing with a professional orchestra and singers in a world class venue.

Though rooted in the classical tradition, Karl Jenkins's music is infused with different world cultures, jazz traditions and strong rhythmic elements making it particularly appealing to younger people.

Offers

And, as Karl Jenkins says, "it's nice for them to meet a composer who's still alive and kicking!"

Organised by Town Hall and Symphony Hall's Education and Community Department, *Sing for All* offers professional singing training and performance opportunities to all parts of the community, with funding from the Peter and Jane How Trust, patrons of the singing programme.

The programme is designed to support amateur singing in the region, creating a legacy for the future of choirs. *Sing for All* reached 1,500 people in 2010 in two projects.

Tickets for Monday's concert are priced £5 (plus transaction fee) are available from the box office on 0121 780 3333 or via www.thsh.co.uk website.

Twin roles in a theatre classic

STOURBRIDGE Theatre Company is on the lookout for male twins to star in its production of the dramatic musical Blood Brothers.

The group is preparing to perform Willy Russell's popular West End hit in November and are starting rehearsals soon.

They are hoping to find twins – or at least two very similar looking men – aged around 25 to 30-years-old.

Open auditions are being held for the parts of Eddie and Mickey at St Joseph's RC Primary School in Lea Vale Road, Norton, Stourbridge, and the auditions will be on Monday, July 11, at 7.30pm.

The play will be staged at Stourbridge Town Hall, from November 24 to 26.

Further information about the play and parts available it it, call 01562 885578.

Second helpings of Dinner

VICTORIA Wood's popular TV sit-com Dinnerladies makes the transition to stage with Andrew Dunn and Sue Devany reprising their telly roles at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, July 18, to Saturday, July 23.

Staffordshire County Councillor Patrick Corfield takes a close look at the exhibition of Anglo-Saxon gold

Golden hoard of Mercian treasure goes on tour of Staffordshire venues

TREASURES from the Staffordshire Hoard have gone on display in Stafford for the first time as the relics, valued at £3.3 million, go on tour.

More than 40 of the gold and silver items are being exhibited at the Shire Hall Gallery until July 24. They went on show last Saturday (July 2).

The Seventh Century relics were uncovered in a farmer's field at Hammerwich two years ago. It was the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever unearthed.

The metal detector used to find them, by Terry Herbert, is also on display.

The Hoard on Tour will move to Lichfield Cathedral from July 30 to August 21 and then on to Tamworth Castle between August 27 and September 18.

The exhibition will also tell how archaeologists worked in secret to unearth the treasure.

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The exhibition can be viewed for free but 45-minute slots must be booked in advance at www.staffordshire.gov.uk /hoard or by calling the gallery on 01785 278345.

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Peter's story

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Terry's story

I'm a confident guy, you know, nothing really keeps me down – even when things are not good. But I had nine years of trouble with my teeth and eventually it began to erode my confidence.

I would never have believed it; I'd have a laugh about it, but it really isn't funny when you have unresolved problems with false teeth.

My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money – what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural.To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.

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Good news for home buyers

Bloor Homes are offering the HomeBuy Direct (HBD) scheme at its Satchwell Grange development in Wednesbury. To make sure they secure their dream home before the funding allocation and limited plots get snapped up, buyers are being urged to visit the development.

HBD, is a success in offering a lifeline to homebuyers in these days of limited mortgage supply. It is a Government backed shared equity scheme that is designed to help first time buyers, key workers and those in need of affordable housing to get out of rented accommodation and own their own new home. It does this by providing an equity loan of up to 30% of the value of the property. This equity loan is co-funded by Bloor Homes and the Government. It has favourable terms, in that the equity loan can be repaid over the next 25 years and has no interest charges for the first five years. After the first five years the interest is capped at 1.75% with annual increases in line with the retail price index, plus 1%.

With a small deposit, people qualifying for HomeBuy Direct need only a 66.5% mortgage to own 100% of the property as soon as they move in. In borrowing up to 66.5% of the property value, the home buyers are in a stronger position when seeking a mortgage offer.
Because, with their minimum 3.5% deposit they are seeking a mortgage of 66.5% or less, the monthly repayments will be lower than say a 95% or 100% mortgage of the pre credit-crunch days.

Anne Cadman, Bloor Homes West Midlands Sales Director said: "This is a great opportunity for buyers to purchase their first home at affordable prices. Interest rates are still low and there is a new allocation of HomeBuy Direct properties available. House prices are on the rise, particularly in the southeast. In the West Midlands there are positive signs that the market is on the up, which will force prices up, as building land values are still high. The underlying strength of the market is further confirmed with increased visitor levels across our sites, with customers looking to take advantage of the help that is currently available on new build properties."

New HBD releases at the development include the 'Mayfield' a 2 bedroom home priced at £129,950 with a minimum of 3.5% deposit (£4,548.25), just £90,965 now on the HBD scheme and a large family 4 bed detached Dunsley priced at £225,000 with a minimum 3.5% (£7,875), just £157,500 now on the HBD scheme. Also available is the 5 bed 3 storey detached Radley with double garage priced at £299,950 with a minimum 3.5% (£10,498.25), just £209,965 now on the HBD scheme.

Make a Date...

To visit this weekend and our Sales Advisor will be able to discuss the plots and prices available and can also put you in touch with a representative from Orbit, the Government appointed agent for HomeBuy Direct and an Independent Financial Adviser, to answer any questions.

Where...

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TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT
BBC1, 7.10pm

At couple of years ago, John Barrowman was so ubiquitous, some people started to wonder if BBC actually stood for Barrowman Broadcasting Corporation. This week he's back with a bang along with this Saturday night show. If you haven't seen the previous series, it gives members of the public the chance to make their dreams come true – think of it as John'll Fix It with no medallions and fewer tracksuits. There's a definite musical theme to the wishes being granted in this first instalment, as Dolly Parton conducts a masterclass for one of her biggest fans.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Qualifying. Jake Humphrey presents live coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.40** Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine introduces further coverage of the third round. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Walk on the Wild Side. (R)

6.10 Total Wipeout. Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram host as 20 more contestants compete in physically demanding games on the purpose-built obstacle course.
7.10 Tonight's the Night. New series. Entertainment show, presented by John Barrowman, with Dolly Parton and the Wanted.
8.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.
9.00 Casualty. Adam becomes involved in the case of two warring brothers.
9.50 Lee Mack's All Star Cast. With Katie Price, Rhod Gilbert, Theo Paphitis, Danny Bhoy and Scouting for Girls.
10.30 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Noel Fielding, Seann Walsh, Mike Gunn and Hal Cruttenden. (R)
11.35 FILM: Dark Water. (2005) Horror remake, starring Jennifer Connelly; Weatherview.

1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Homes Under the Hammer. **12.50** Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Coverage of the third round. **2.40** Film: Kramer vs Kramer. (1979) Oscar-winning drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep. **4.20** Comedy Connections. (R) **4.50** Life Beyond the Box: Norman Stanley Fletcher. (R) **5.40** Porridge. (R)

6.10 Flog It! Experts Nigel Smith and Thomas Plant value the public's antiques in Stockport, Greater Manchester, while presenter Paul Martin pays a visit to a drum-maker. (R)
7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon spends a night in a spooky house. (R)
7.40 Vincent Van Gogh: Painted with Words. Drama-documentary depicting the Dutch artist's life using his own words as chronicled in 18 years of letters. (R)
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest host Chris Addison. (R)
9.45 Secrets of the Pop Song. Mark Ronson helps Guy Chambers write the elusive breakthrough single.
10.45 Top of the Pops: The Story of 1976. Documentary examining how British pop culture changed during 1976.
11.35 The Kennedys. The Cuban missile crisis threatens to bring about a war. (R)

12.20 The Kennedys. (R) **1.05** Film: Honeydripper. (2007) Drama, starring Danny Glover.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.45** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Film: Agatha Christie's Thirteen at Dinner. (1985) Hercule Poirot mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. **3.55** Film: Licence to Kill. (1989) James Bond spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton.

6.15 Regional Programmes.
6.30 ITV News; Weather.
6.45 You've Been Framed! Crazy cats and daft dogs. (R)
7.15 Odd One In. With Stephen K Amos and Stacey Solomon.
8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. Four more acts, including an award-winning female magician, try to outwit the illusionists with mind-boggling tricks, in the hope of landing a gig in Las Vegas. Jonathan Ross hosts.
9.00 The Marriage Ref. Jack Whitehall, Sarah Millican and Eamonn Holmes tackle three domestic disputes, including a boyfriend's relentless pranks and a wife obsessed by Donny Osmond. Dermot O'Leary hosts.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Ocean's Twelve. (2004) Crime caper sequel, starring George Clooney.

12.35 The Cube Celebrity Special: McFly. (R) **1.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.30** In Plain Sight. **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** British Formula 3 International Series. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. **9.55** T4: Smallville. (R) **10.50** T4: Friends. (R) **11.20** T4: Style the Nation. **12.20** T4: Dirty Sexy Things. **1.20** The TV Book Club. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Sarah Rothwell hosts the final party in Bolton.
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.10 4thought.tv. How a belief in God transformed a man's life. (R)
7.15 FILM: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Springfield faces destruction after pollution caused by Homer provokes the wrath of the government. Animated comedy, with the voices of Dan Castellaneta and Julie Kavner.
9.00 Camelot. Guinevere sets out with Arthur to visit her dying father, while a crime from Sybil's past jeopardises Morgan's plans. Fantasy adventure, starring Jamie Campbell Bower.
10.00 FILM: Gangs of New York. (2002) Historical drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Daniel Day-Lewis.

1.10 Film: Infernal Affairs 2. (2003) Crime thriller prequel, starring Edison Chen. **3.15** Bob's Burgers. **3.40** Hill Street Blues. (R) **4.30** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Pawn Stars. (R) **10.30** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **11.30** Danger: Diggers at Work. (R) **12.30** Rosamunde Pilcher's Summer. (R) **2.20** Film: King Solomon's Mines. (1950) Adventure, with Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr. **4.20** Film: Random Hearts. (1999) Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fifth and concluding match of the series at Old Trafford, the tourists' final fixture in England this year.
7.55 NCIS. A commander who knows the location of a shipment of nuclear fuel rods is abducted, and the team is called in to try to identify the kidnapper. Guest starring Zac Efron. (R)
8.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A cocktail waitress is killed by a shark in the swimming pool of a Las Vegas hotel, and the team suspects the rivalry between two casino moguls may be at the heart of the mystery. (R)
9.50 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A student counsellor is murdered.
10.45 CSI: NY. A street dancer is shot dead in a hotel room. (R)
11.45 Forensic Files. Finding the killer of an estate agent. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.15** The FBI Files. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
7.15 Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) **9.00** Film: Practical Magic (1998) **11.10** Film: Analyze This (1999)

ITV3
1.45 Film: The Railway Children (1970) **4.00** Film: Columbo: A Bird in the Hand (1992) **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **11.00** Wycliffe

ITV4
2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Stage eight from Aigurande to Super-Besse Sancy. **4.30** British Superbike Championship Highlights **5.30** Police, Camera, Action! **6.00** The Professionals **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France **8.00** Freddie Flintoff Versus the World **9.00** Film: The Jerk (1979) **10.55** Film: Barbarella (1967)

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Friendly Fires & N-Dubz @ T **9.00** Chase and Status & the Strokes @ T **10.00** Coldplay Live @ T

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Blue Planet **8.00** The Perfect Suit **9.00** Wallander **10.30** Timeshift: Hotel Deluxe **11.30** The Perfect Suit

E4
2.15 Hollyoaks **4.50** Friends **6.00** One Tree Hill **6.55** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** How I Met Your Mother **8.50** Friends **10.00** Film: Chain Reaction (1996)

FILM4
3.00 James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.45** Local Hero (1983) Comedy drama, starring Peter Riegert. **6.55** The Perfect Catch (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jimmy Fallon and Drew Barrymore. **9.00** High Crimes (2002) A leading attorney fights to prove her husband's innocence after the military accuse him of killing villagers in El Salvador. Thriller, starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman. **11.15** The Hills Have Eyes (2006) Horror remake, starring Aaron Stanford.

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T4 ON THE BEACH

Channel 4, 1.40pm

The summer officially gets underway in Weston-super-Mare as this musical extravaganza rolls into town. The show promises the airing of more hit singles than even Simon Cowell would know what to do with. Speaking of the moneybags mogul, X Factor-approved acts appearing this year include JLS and Cher Lloyd. Nicola Roberts also performs, hoping to replicate the solo success of Girls Aloud bandmate Cheryl Cole. Recent chart-toppers Jessie J, Jason Derulo and Example also take the stage. More big names including Katy B, the Wanted, Tinchy Stryder and McFly also hit the stage.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Live. Coverage from Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** EastEnders. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** My Family. Susan is accused of sexual harassment at work. (R)

6.05 Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry. Emperor Elagabalus hosts a dinner party on Roman Come Dine with Me.
6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Fake or Fortune? A painting that could be the work of Rembrandt. Last in the series.
8.00 Countryfile. John Craven travels to the Cairngorms in Scotland to reflect on some of the team's most memorable visits to British rivers and mountains. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 The World's Most Expensive Paintings. Alastair Sooke tracks down the 10 most costly paintings to sell at auction and investigates the stories behind the astronomic prices that are paid for some pieces of art.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Seve: The Legend. Tribute to golf star Severiano Ballesteros, who died in May.
11.25 Regional Programmes.

12.15 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **1.15** The Apprentice: The Final Five. (R) **2.15** Holby City. (R) **3.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **1.30** Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Coverage of the fourth and final day. **5.30** Live Athletics. The British Grand Prix. John Inverdale presents coverage of the star-studded meeting at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

8.00 Top Gear. A comparison of supercars the McLaren MP4-12C and Ferrari 458, the Range Rover Evoque is road-tested and Formula 1 world champion Sebastian Vettel drives the Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 Coast. The team explores the Welsh coast, hearing about a tsunami that hit 400 years ago, how Anglesey inspired the design of the Land Rover and why Wales is similar to Mars.
10.00 Mock the Week. Ed Byrne, Micky Flanagan and Jack Whitehall offer their opinions of the past week's world events on the topical comedy quiz show, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R)
10.30 FILM: In the Loop. (2009) A witless government minister gets out of his depth in international politics after suggesting a war is imminent. Satirical comedy, starring Peter Capaldi and Tom Hollander.

12.15 Film: The Front Line. (2006) Crime thriller, starring Eriq Ebouaney. **1.45** BBC News. **3.10** The Super League Show.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Survival: Tales from the Wild. **2.35** Inspector Morse. (R) **4.35** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.30 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Royal. A trip on a pirate radio ship ends badly when the passengers are embroiled in a siege.
8.00 Popstar to Operastar – The Final. The two finalists compete to be crowned winner, performing a solo, and a duet with either Katherine Jenkins or Rolando Villazon. Andrea Bocelli also appears.
9.00 Law & Order: UK. New series. Brooks and Devlin investigate a hospital department where three patients have died in suspicious circumstances in six months. Starring Bradley Walsh and Jamie Bamber.
10.00 Popstar to Operastar: The Results. The winner is announced. Last in the series.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 FILM: Eyes Wide Shut. (1999) Stanley Kubrick's drama, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

1.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.35** Triathlon: Ironman UK. **8.00** T4: Friends. (R) **8.25** T4: Style the Nation. **9.00** T4: T4 on The Beach: The Countdown. (R) **9.55** T4: Hollyoaks. **12.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.05** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** T4: T4 on the Beach. **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.
6.50 4thought.tv. Beverley Carter discusses how the hymn Amazing Grace has helped reinforce her belief in God, which enabled her to overcome the abuse she suffered in her early life. (R)
6.55 The Political Slot. Shirley Williams talks about NHS reforms.
7.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman advise a couple struggling to choose between buying a property in Cheltenham and the Aude region of southern France.
8.00 FILM: Marley and Me. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based comedy drama, based on journalist John Grogan's account of his and his wife's life with his mischievous golden Labrador. With Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.
10.15 FILM: In Her Shoes. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Cameron Diaz.

12.45 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **1.30** Bob's Burgers. **1.55** 5ive Days to Midnight. (R) **3.35** Hill Street Blues. (R) **4.30** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** Elmo's World. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Save-Ums! (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.00** New Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.00** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.00** Rosamunde Pilcher's Autumn. Charles stands up to Stephen. **2.45** Film: Man of the House. (2005) Comedy, starring Tommy Lee Jones. **4.35** Film: Matilda. (1996) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson.

6.25 5 News Weekend.
6.30 FILM: The Legend of Zorro. (2005) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas.
9.00 FILM: Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World. (2003) Seafaring drama based on Patrick O'Brian's novel, with Russell Crowe and Paul Bettany.
11.40 FILM: Sniper 2. (2002) Thriller, starring Tom Berenger.

1.25 SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Great Artists. (R) **4.35** Nick's Quest. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.30 Film: Twister (1996) **6.45** Film: Back to the Future (1985) **9.00** Film: Knocked Up (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl. **11.40** iTunes Festival 2011

ITV3
2.20 Persuasion **4.15** Film: Pride and Prejudice (2005) **6.50** Mr Bean **7.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: Frantic (1988) **11.30** Film: Sleepers (1996)

ITV4
2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France. Stage nine from Issoire to Saint-Flour. **5.00** The Professionals **6.00** Tommy Cooper **7.00** Cycling: Tour de France **8.00** Minder **9.05** Film: Last Man Standing (1996) **11.05** Film: United 93 (2006)

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** My Chemical Romance & the Vaccines @ T **9.00** Tinie Tempah @ T **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Foo Fighters @ T

BBC FOUR
7.00 Sahara with Michael Palin **8.00** Secrets of the Arabian Nights **9.00** Believe: The Eddie Izzard Story **10.45** Eddie Izzard: Stripped

E4
3.05 Supersize vs Superskinny **4.10** Film: Flicka (2006) **6.00** Friends **7.00** Smallville **8.00** Friends **9.00** Film: Epic Movie (2007) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.15** How I Met Your Mother **11.45** Film: Star Trek: Generations (1994)

FILM4
2.55 Shadow of a Doubt (1943) **5.00** Kidnapped (1971) **7.05** Big Momma's House (2000) **9.00** Sleeping with the Enemy (1991). An abused wife fakes her own death to escape her violent husband and start a new life elsewhere - but he is soon on her trail. Thriller, starring Julia Roberts and Patrick Bergin. **10.55** Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (2006)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Food Fighters. **11.45** Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.40** Doctors. **2.10** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show: Best of Britain. **7.30** Fake Britain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Gerry and the GPs – Panorama. **9.00** New Tricks. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** In with the Flynns. (R) **11.35** The Graham Norton Show; (R) Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. (R) **1.25** Luther. (R) **2.25** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.10** An Island Parish. (R) **3.40** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Rowing. **2.30** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.30** Weakest Link. (R) **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** The Truth About Wildlife. (R) **7.30** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks. (R) **8.00** University Challenge. **8.30** Antiques Master. **9.00** The Life of Muhammad. **10.00** QI. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Inspire: Ai Weiwei – Without Fear or Favour. (R) **12.15** The Tudors. (R) **1.10** BBC News. **3.40** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Ten Mile Menu. **3.00** Secret Dealers. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Dinner Date. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Countrywise Kitchen. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Strictly Kosher. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Rambo III. (1988) Action adventure sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. **12.25** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Nightwatch with Steve Scott. (R) **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** According to Jim. **8.55** Friends. (R) **9.25** Friends. (R) **9.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Channel 4 Presents – Stephen Miller 2012. (R) **12.10** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **1.05** Film: Operation Crossbow. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring George Peppard. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Quiz Trippers. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Murder on Honeymoon: Dispatches. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies: Teen Special. **10.00** Sirens. **11.05** Channel 4 Presents – Danielle Brown 2012. (R) **11.10** Coming Up: Rough Skin. **11.40** Lee Evans XL Tour. (R) **12.40** European Poker Tour. **1.40** 24 Hours in A&E. (R) **2.35** Embarrassing Bodies: Teen Special. (R) **3.30** Ancient Egyptians. (R) **4.25** Machines Time Forgot. (R) **5.20** One Tree Hill. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **3.10** Film: The Obsession. (2006) Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It?; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Restaurant Inspector. **10.00** Film: Philadelphia. (1993) Oscar-winning drama, starring Tom Hanks. **12.35** Forensic Files. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.00** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Food Fighters. **11.45** Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.40** Doctors. **2.10** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show: Best of Britain. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Crimewatch. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Crimewatch Update. **10.45** Imagine. **12.05** The Scheme; Weatherview. **12.55** Sign Zone: Coast. (R) **1.55** The Country House Revealed. (R) **2.55** Fake Britain. (R) **3.40** An Island Parish. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.30** Weakest Link. (R) **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** Coast. (R) **8.00** Restoration Home. **9.00** The Night Watch. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Afghanistan: The Unknown Country. (R) **12.20** The Tudors. (R) **1.20** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Ten Mile Menu. **3.00** Secret Dealers. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Dinner Date. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Animal Kingdom. **8.00** Cops with Cameras. (R) **9.00** Homes from Hell. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Crank. (2006) Action thriller, starring Jason Statham. **12.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.15** Crossing Jordan. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** According to Jim. **8.55** Friends. (R) **9.25** Friends. (R) **9.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** The Secret Supper Club. (R) **12.35** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.50** Film: The Sea Wolves. (1980) Fact-based Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck, Roger Moore, David Niven and Patrick Macnee. **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – David Smith 2012. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Quiz Trippers. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Four Rooms. **9.00** Undercover Boss. **10.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **11.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **12.05** European Poker Tour. **1.05** Beach Volleyball. **2.00** Athletics. **2.55** FIM Superbike World Championship. **3.20** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.50** The Grid. (R) **4.15** British Formula 3 International Series. (R) **4.40** Triathlon: Ironman UK. (R) **5.10** That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.35** Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **3.10** Inside Hollywood. **3.20** Film: Mystery Woman: Snapshot. (2005) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Mexican Food Made Simple; 5 News Update. **8.00** Monster Moves; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **10.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **11.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.00** Crimes That Shook the World. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.00** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Food Fighters. **11.45** Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.40** Doctors. **2.10** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show: Best of Britain. **7.30** The Great British Weather; BBC News: Regional News. **8.30** In with the Flynns. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Not Going Out. (R) **11.15** Him & Her; National Lottery Update. **11.45** Film: Kevin and Perry Go Large. (2000) Comedy, with Harry Enfield; Weatherview. **1.05** Sign Zone: Bang Goes the Theory. (R) **1.35** Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) **2.25** Saints and Scroungers. (R) **2.50** Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) **3.20** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Animal 24:7. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.30** Weakest Link. (R) **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. (R) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **7.00** The Culture Show. **8.00** Top Gear. (R) **9.00** This World: Italy's Bloodiest Mafia. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired! **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Golf: The Open Championship. **11.50** The Culture Show. (R) **12.50** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Ten Mile Menu. **3.00** Secret Dealers. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00 Dinner** Date. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Unforgettable Leonard Rossiter. (R) **8.00** Lewis. (R) **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Car Crime UK. (R) **11.35** Homes from Hell. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: Meteor. (1979) Disaster drama, starring Sean Connery. **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.30** Sali Mali. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** According to Jim. **8.55** Friends. (R) **9.25** Friends. (R) **9.50** Channel 4 Presents – David Clarke 2012. (R) **9.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **1.10** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.15** Proud Parents. (R) **1.30** Film: The Law and Jake Wade. (1958) Western, starring Robert Taylor. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Quiz Trippers. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E. **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. **10.50** The Killing. (R) **12.55** Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. **1.35** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **1.50** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. **2.05** Film: Cheaper By the Dozen. (1950) **3.35** Hill Street Blues. **4.25** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.10** Film: Hell on Heels: The Battle of Mary Kay. (2002) Fact-based comedy drama, starring Shirley MacLaine. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Garden ER. **8.00** The Removal Men: Pickfords; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. (R) **10.00** Film: The Contractor. (2007) Action thriller, starring Wesley Snipes. **11.50** Inside Hollywood. **11.55** Poker: Aussie Millions. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.00** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Food Fighters. **11.45** Saints and Scroungers; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.40** Doctors. **2.10** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show: Best of Britain. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Traffic Cops. **9.00** Torchwood: Miracle Day. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Classroom Secrets. **11.35** This Week; Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Gerry and the GPs – Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Fake Britain. (R) **2.40** Royal Upstairs Downstairs. (R) **3.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **9.00** Live Golf: The Open Championship. The opening day's play in Sandwich, Kent. **8.00** Rick Stein's Spain. New series. The chef embarks on a culinary tour, beginning in Galicia. **9.00** History Cold Case. Investigating the remains of 17 people discovered in Norwich. **10.00** Mock the Week. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Seve: The Legend. Tribute to golf star Severiano Ballesteros, who died in May. (R) **12.20** The Tudors. (R) **1.10** BBC News. **3.10** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Ten Mile Menu. **3.00** Secret Dealers. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Dinner Date. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Rising Cost of Food: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Single-Handed. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories. (R) **11.35** The Late Debate. **12.00** Odd One In. (R) **12.45** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.45** The Rising Cost of Food: Tonight. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** According to Jim. **8.55** Friends. (R) **9.25** Friends. (R) **9.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **1.05** Film: None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Quiz Trippers. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. (R) **8.00** Help! My House Is Falling Down. **9.00** The Killing. Linden and Holder track down a potential witness. Crime drama, starring Mireille Enos and Joel Kinnaman. **10.00** Coppers. (R) **11.05** King Of Uncut. **11.55** Channel 4 Presents – Ellie Simmonds 2012. (R) **12.00** The Film Show. **12.35** T4: Style the Nation. **1.00** 4Music: 4Play: Dry the River. **1.15** Cast Offs. (R) **2.00** Film: Dying Young. (1991) Romantic drama, starring Julia Roberts and Campbell Scott. **3.45** Murder on Honeymoon: Dispatches. (R) **4.35** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **9.00** Live Golf: The Open Championship. Day two from the Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich, Kent. **8.00** BBC Proms 2011. New series. Coverage of the classical music event. **9.45** The Kennedys. Bobby blames himself for John's death. Last in the series. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.05** T in the Park 2011. **1.05** Film: My Baby's Daddy. (2004) Comedy, starring Eddie Griffin. **2.25** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Ten Mile Menu. **3.00** Secret Dealers. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Dinner Date. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Love Your Garden. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: School's Out. **10.15** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.40** Regional News; Weather. **10.50** Film: The Chronicles of Riddick. (2004) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Judi Dench. **12.55** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Film: Earthquake. (1974) Disaster movie, starring Charlton Heston. **5.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** According to Jim. **8.55** Friends. (R) **9.25** Friends. (R) **9.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **1.00** River Cottage Bites. (R) **1.10** Science Scams. (R) **1.20** Film: Day of the Evil Gun. (1968) Western, starring Glenn Ford. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Quiz Trippers. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Double Lesson. Fictional account of a school teacher who assaulted a pupil. **8.00** Come Dine with Me. **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats. **9.30** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. **10.30** Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. **11.50** Music on 4: 360 Sessions: David Guetta. **12.25** Music on 4: Hollyoaks Music Show. (R) **12.55** Music on 4: Album Chart Show Introduces – Miles Kane. (R) **1.10** Music on 4: The Crush 2011. **2.05** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.45** Bob's Burgers. **3.10** The Real Housewives of New Jersey. (R) **3.55** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.40** One Tree Hill. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.10** Film: Too Late to Say Goodbye. (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Stefanie von Pfetten. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Fifth Gear; 5 News Update. **8.00** Danger: Diggers at Work; **5 News at 9. 9.00** Castle. **10.00** The Mentalist. (R) **10.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **11.55** Inside Hollywood. **12.10** SuperCasino. **4.05** Motorsport Mundial. **4.30** Fifth Gear. (R) **5.00** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 F	2 X	3 N	4 Z	5 H	6 K	7 Q	8 U	9 C	10 B	11 Y	12 T	13 P
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Violet's seen it out of order! (10-3)
8. Appear smaller, we hear, having no joining (8)
9. The vivacity of the free-lance (4)
10. Brings the ship to dock, one hears, for new arrivals (6)
12. In the south it's wrong to keep pressing a point (6)
14. Push fifty to make a scoop (6)
16. Just the word for opening time! (6)
18. Responsibility we're carrying (4)
20. Commented on a rush about German currency (8)
22. It's unusual for the crowd player to have an armorial charge (13)

Down

1. Always coming in to use rod and line - over-eager, in fact (8)
2. A valance taken from the temple (6)
3. A private line used for keeping office records (4)
4. Flying-boats? (8)
5. You need to have the first word as far as the ultimatum is concerned (6)
6. Take a gamble before writing a letter (4)
11. Where a lot may go for very little (4-4)
13. Precise correspondence of one side with another (8)
15. Where service clothing is assumed (6)
17. Bound to provide water for part of the year (6)
19. Immediately after getting ten in the snare (4)
21. Forced to be a domestic servant, by the sound of it (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Taxation department (6,7)
8. Event (8)
9. Thought (4)
10. Rush (6)
12. Inborn (6)
14. Wreckage (6)
16. Large-beaked bird (6)
18. Profit (4)
20. Journalist (8)
22. U.S. President's residence (3,5,5)

Down

1. Flood (8)
2. Spite (6)
3. Inactive (4)
4. Confine (8)
5. District (6)
6. Reign (4)
11. Check (8)
13. Cross (8)
15. Fame (6)
17. Tear out (6)
19. Pain (4)
21. Excuse (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Amps; 8 Longfellow; 9 Footnote; 10 Copy; 12 By-road; 14 Thread; 15 Fiends; 17 Sector; 18 Stem; 19 Adoption; 21 Laundryman; 22 Keel. Down: 2 Misogynist; 3 Slat; 4 Untold; 5 Affect; 6 Electric; 7 Sway; 11 Pianoforte; 13 Ointment; 16 Stairs; 17 Storms; 18 Solo; 20 Tank. QUICK - Across: 1 View; 8 Abominable; 9 District; 10 Tour; 12 Mingle; 14 Exceed; 15 Favour; 17 Clever; 18 Mess; 19 Validate; 21 Outrageous; 22 Halt. Down: 2 Intimidate; 3 Wait; 4 Novice; 5 Little; 6 Particle; 7 Tear; 11 Uneventful; 13 Glossary; 16 Ravage; 17 Callow; 18 Moot; 20 Dash.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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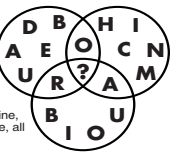
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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- In need of modernisation
- Freehold

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- D/G & C/H
- Off Road Parking

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- Three Bedrooms
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- An End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Freehold

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- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & Part D/G
- No Upward Chain

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- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Conservatory, Freehold

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- Two Bedrooms
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Price: £67,950

An end terraced property in need of complete modernisation and refurbishment occupying a convenient location. uPVC entrance door to front room, inner hallway and rear sitting room, extending kitchen to rear. Stairs from rear sitting room to first floor, two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, front and rear garden

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Offers in the region of £189000

A modern detached property recessed front entrance into reception hall, cloaks and garage leading off, through lounge divided into lounge and dining area, kitchen, staircase to first floor landing, four bedrooms (en-suite off master) bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking, rear garden

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Offers in the region of £184,995

An extended link detached house. Hall entrance, lounge archway to dining area, kitchen, bedroom 4/office and utility area. Staircase from hall to first floor landing with stores off, three bedrooms, bathroom having jacuzzi style bath and shower over, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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PENSTOCK DRIVE

Offers in the region of £137,950

A modern semi detached within a cul-de-sac location close to Langley Village, having part converted loft space providing office/playroom. hall entrance, cloakroom, kitchen having intergrated appliances, lounge. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing where specified, driveway and rear garden

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ADDINGTON WAY

Offers in the region of £125,000

A modern semi detached property having off road parking on communal driveway situated within a quiet estate location comprising hall entrance w.c. off, lounge feature fireplace, dining kitchen with fitted appliances. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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A fully modernised, improved and extended end town house having double garage to the rear porch entrance, reception hall, front room doors into rear lounge, L shaped kitchen including dining area. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazing,off road parking, rear garden.

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A deceptively spacious mid townhouse offering well planned and maintained accommodation within the catchment area of Perryfields High School Porch entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dinning kitchen, staircase extending from hall into first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazed where specified, off road parking garden to rear

TIVIDALE

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SHINWELL CRESCENT

Offers in the region of £105,995

A tastefully decorated and well maintained end town house. Recessed front entrance, reception hall cloakroom and stores off, through lounge divided into lounge and dining area, kitchen. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, court yard style garden, garage, stores

OLDBURY

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PRYOR ROAD

Offers in the region of £100,000

A semi detached property situated in a quiet convenient location requiring slight updating and having garage in rear garden storm porch reception hall with understairs cupboard off. lounge, dining kitchen, staircase to three bedrooms, shower room, combination central heating, double glazing shared off road parking gardens

OLDBURY

REDUCED

BADSEY ROAD

Offers in the region of £81,950

A semi detached property requiring refurbishment and modernisation. Entrance hall, lounge, rear sitting room, kitchen. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing with access to loft space off which lead three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes) bathroom shower over bath, part double glazing, front and rear gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

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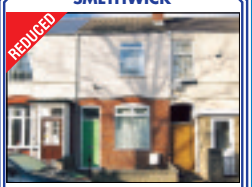

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Offers based on £69,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in an established neighbourhood this well presented modern mid town house forms an ideal first time purchase and requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The property benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and briefly comprises front kitchen, spacious rear lounge, two bedrooms (master with en suite shower room), well appointed bathroom, gardens fore and rear, detached garage, freehold.

Offers based on Offers £99,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

BARNFORD CRESCENT, OLDBURY

Situated in a popular and desirable residential locality, this well presented traditional semi-detached residence which has been extended to rear offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front living room, rear extended dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, side garage with utility and toilet, rear garden overlooking allotments, freehold.

Offers in excess of: £150,000

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WEST PARK ROAD, SMETHWICK

Situated in one of the more desirable residential neighbourhoods of West Smethwick this deceptively spacious Edwardian detached is situated in a popular residential locality overlooking West Smethwick Park. Full internal inspection is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation which offers reception hall, two reception rooms, dining kitchen, guest shower room, side covered passageway, verandah, detached garage, four bedrooms, bathroom, large rear garden, freehold.

Offers based on £345,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

WATERWAYS DRIVE, OLDBURY

Situated on the popular Waterways Drive development off Brades Road close to Dudley Road East, this well presented mid town house residence offers good accommodation to suit a first time buyer. The property benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and briefly comprises open plan lounge/kitchen being well fitted, one double bedroom, bathroom, gardens fore and rear, freehold.

Offers based on £79,995

Viewing: Oldbury Office

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TEMPLE WAY, OLDBURY

This excellently presented, modern semi offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises: Side entrance hall, front lounge, well fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, well appointed shower room, gardens fore and rear, rear vehicular access, freehold.

Offers based on: £117,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

MARSHALL ROAD

A traditional style freehold semi-detached property located on the corner of Marshall Road with Bleakhouse Road, in this extremely popular location, offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, refitted fully tiled bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, verandah, garden to the rear and having the benefit of a detached garage at the side/rear, being within easy reach of Oldbury and Bearwood town centres and with good comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £129,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BIRCH GROVE

A most carefully maintained, well presented and quietly situated modern semi-detached bungalow enjoying a popular location in a pleasant established cul-de-sac within easy reach of both the Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton and offering gas centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed accommodation to include well proportioned lounge, kitchen, double bedroom and box room (would easily make two bedrooms), refitted fully tiled bathroom, ornamental gardens with off-street parking, being ideal for the retired, single or married couple and having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

£145,000 also available for let at £500.00 PCM

Viewing: Bearwood Office

ABBEY ROAD

A beautifully presented, immaculate and well fitted traditional style freehold semi-detached residence offering deceptively spacious, centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed accommodation to include three bedrooms, well appointed fully tiled bathroom with individual shower, hall, pleasant lounge, exceptional open plan dining room/fully fitted kitchen, attractive and secluded rear garden, good views to both front and rear, off-street parking for at least two cars, requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £199,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WATERSIDE

Situated on a recently established development just off Titford Road and close to the main Wolverhampton Road, this excellently presented ground floor apartment offers double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation to include reception hall, front lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, communal gardens and secure allocated car parking, with internal inspection highly recommended.

Offers based on £124,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HOLLY ROAD

Located in a pleasant established residential thoroughfare close to both the main Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton, a traditional style freehold semi-detached residence with the benefit of a re-tiled roof and offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom with electric shower, hall, good size lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, side garage, neatly laid out garden to the rear and having the benefit of off-street parking to the front, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and requiring internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £149,950

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ABBEY ROAD

A beautifully presented, immaculate and well fitted traditional style freehold semi-detached residence occupying a much sought after location offering deceptively spacious, centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, well appointed refitted bathroom with electric shower, hall, pleasant lounge, dining room, kitchen, attractive and secluded rear garden and having good views to both front and rear, together with detached garage and off-street parking, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £199,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

LIGHTWOODS HILL, WARLEY WOODS

Superbly presented, most sympathetically improved and delightfully situated freehold traditional style three storey semi-detached residence. Gas centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed, Offering five double bedrooms, tiled bathroom with shower, hall, lounge, separate sitting room, well fitted dining/kitchen, laundry, morning room, downstairs shower room and W.C., mature and secluded south-facing garden with extensive terracing, off-street parking for at least two cars, being just a few hundred yards from both Bearwood shopping centre, the Hagley Road West and Warley Woods, thus having easy access to Birmingham city centre and requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £345,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

SHERWOOD ROAD

A truly immaculate and beautifully improved freehold terraced villa offering above-average size accommodation which is gas centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed to include three double bedrooms, expansively refitted bathroom with bath and individual shower, hall, dining room, well proportioned lounge, under stairs cloaks area, superb 18ft fitted kitchen, downstairs W.C./washroom, delightful enclosed garden and being located in an exceptionally convenient situation just off the main Bearwood Road with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre but with ACCOMMODATION WHICH WILL NOT FAIL TO IMPRESS.

Offers based on £192,500

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A superb opportunity to acquire this well presented and deceptively spacious three bedroom detached cottage, situated in a quiet cul de sac in a popular residential neighbourhood with easy access to Motorway networks. This impressive property offers a spacious layout with a high standard of accommodation and would make a comfortable family home. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining room, Modern fitted kitchen, three good size bedrooms, Luxury fitted bathroom, Cellar, Garage, Large elevated rear garden, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

£895 pcm

Holy Hedge Road, West Brom — NEW

Four bedroom Victorian semidetached property, Situated in a well established popular residential location with easy access to motorway networks and close to excellent local amenities. This impressive property boasts a spacious layout and comprises of Reception hallway, Two reception rooms, Spacious fitted kitchen, Four good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Driveway with ample parking, Garage, Dg and Gch.

£850 pcm

Hurst Lane, Tipton — NEW

Delightfull 3 bedroom town house located in an ever popluar development sedgley mews. The property benefits from having 3 double sized bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, fitted kitchen with appliancies, spacious lounge fitted with laminate flooring, downstairs w/c, family bathroom and master bedroom with en suite shower and toilet. Viewing highly reccomended

£650 pcm

Keyte Close, Tipton

A well proportioned and stylishly presented modern three bedroom semi detached property situated in a popular residential neighbourhood close to excellent local amenities and close to motorway networks. The property comes Unfurnished, furnished if required, briefly comprises of Reception hallway, Lounge/Diner, Modern fitted kitchen, Master bedroom with fitted units, two further bedrooms, Family bathroom, Garage Dg and Gch. No Dss, no Pets

£625 pcm

Devey Drive, Tipton

A well presented modern three bedroom Town house, Situated in a popular residential location close to Great Bridge centre and with easy access to motorway networks. The property is in good decorative order and comes part furnished and briefly comprises of Lounge, Newly fitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Driveway, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£595 pcm

Star Close, Tipton — NEW

A well presented modern three bedroom semi detached, situated on a popular residential development, the property benifits from lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen and three good size bedrooms DG, GCH and garage

£575 pcm

Rayford Drive, Tame Bridge, West Bromwich

A semi detatched property which benefits from central heating and double glazing. Briefly comprising reception hall, through lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The accomodation has off road parking to the front and a garage/workshop to the rear. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£550 pcm

Hobart Street, Tipton — NEW

A modern three bedroom town house offering a spacious and well planned layout the property is in excellent decorative order throughout and would make a comfortable family home. To include Reception hallway, Lounge, Modern well equipped fitted kitchen, Guest Wc Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS £550pcm

£550 pcm

Newcomen Drive, Tipton — NEW

The property comprises a three bedroom town house benefiting from central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes three bedrooms, lounge, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, bathroom, two car parking spaces. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£535 pcm

Anitia Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Modern semi-detached having double-glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, lounge (feature fireplace), fitted breakfast kitchen with built in over/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway to side, additional driveway to front & rear garden.

£525 pcm

Caldwell Street, West Bromwich — NEW

A semi detatched property benefitting from central heating and double glazing. The accomodation briefly comprises lounge with gas fire, fitted kitchen with electric cooker, ground floor shower room with wash basin and w/c, and two bedrooms. The property has off orad parkin to the front and enclosed rear garden with paved patio and lawned area.

£495 pcm

Princes Gate, Beeches Road, West Bromwich — NEW

The property comprises a modern second floor appartment haveing the benefit of electric heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, bathroom/wc, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen having washing machine, oven and hob, allocated parking space. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£475 pcm

Cook Street, Wednesbury

The property comprises a modern Third floor appartment haveing the benefit of electric heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, bathroom/wc, hall, lounge, fitted kitchen having oven and hob, allocated parking space. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£475 pcm

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Bonneville Close, Tipton

Modern top floor appartment. Security entrance door, gas cetnral heating, fully fitted kitchen with oven , hob, Lounge with 2 juliet balcony overlookin the canal ,2 bedrooms, bathroom with electric shower, Laminated throughout, off road parking.

£475 pcm

Doe Bank Road, Tipton — NEW

A well presented and much improved two bedroom mid terraced, situated in a popular location the property has enjoyed extensive refurbishment throughout and finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Modern fitted kitchen, Downstairs bathroom, Two double bedrooms, Large rear garden, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£475 pcm

All Saints Way, West Bromwich

The property comprises an attractive two storey maisonette having the benefit of part central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, lounge, attractive fitted kitchen, bathroom/wc, communal grounds, drying area, car parking. Fully Furnished. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£450 pcm

Oakeswell Street, Wednesbury — NEW

A two bedroom mid terraced property having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. Briefly comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, fitted ground floor bathroom.The accomodation has an enclosed rear garden. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£450 pcm

Church Road, Rowley Regis — NEW

A Superb Modern, 1 Bedroom, Ground Floor Apartment Close To Local Amenities and Transport Links. Accommodation Comprises, Reception Hall, Open Plan Lounge and Kitchen with built in appliances, Bedroom, Bathroom/ WC and Allocated Parking Space.

£440 pcm

Tippstone Close, Tipton

A well presented modern one bedroom apartment, Situated in a popular location close to excellent local amenities and with easy access to motorway networks. The property offers a good standard of accommodation an briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Bathroom and double bedroom.

£425 pcm

Millpool House, Lyndsey Road, Hateley Heath

A modern 1 bedroom first foor appartment with gas fired central heating, double glazing, allocated car parking space and security entrance doors. The property comprises, reception hall with storage cupboard , lounge/ open plan fitted kitchen with built in oven , hob & extractor, bathroom with shower over bath. Allocated parking. Viewing 0121 525 5520.....

£425 pcm

Stoney Lane, West Bromwich

A 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat, having enjoyed extensive refurbishment throughout and finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential .. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing Accomodation comprises- Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Bedroom, Bathroom/ WC, Communal Garden Area and Shared Parking Area.

£425 pcm

Beeches Road, West Bromwich — NEW

An Attractive, Ground floor Apartment benefitting from double glazed,electric heating and secure door entry intercom. Briffly omprising hall, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/Wc, Allocated Car parking space and Communal gardens.

£425 pcm

Kelvin Way, West Bromwich — NEW

A centrally heated and double glazed terraced house. The fully furnished property comprises:- porch, reception hall, thorugh lounge dingin room, fitted kitchen with appliances upstairs bathroom , one bedroom, encolsed rear garden and off road car parking to front. View 0121 525 5520

£425 pcm

The Moorings, Oldbury

A purpose built ground floor flat which has the benefit of electric heating, one allocated parking space. The property comprises reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen and cooker, bathroom with shower over bath.

£400 pcm

Darlaston Road, Wednesbury — NEW

A two bedroom end of terraced property which has recently been fully refurbished. Having the benefit of double glazing, two reception rooms, new fitted kitchen,shower room, two double bedrooms & rear garden.

£400 pcm

Beeches Road, West Bromwich

A one bedroom ground floor apartment situated in a popular location just a short distance from West Bromwich town centre and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Shower room, Double bedroom, Communal garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

£395 pcm

Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury

A first floor 2/3 bedroom flat with a spacious layout and easy access to motorway networks. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, No Dss

£395 pcm

Keelinge Street, Tipton

A well presented modern one bedroom first floor maisonette, situated within walking distance to Dudley port station and easy access to Motorway networks and offers a good standard of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern refitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Bathroom, Dg

£375 pcm

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David Road, Tipton — NEW

Refurbished / Improved End Terrace situated on an excellent corner plot offering potential for extensions / garage. Having upvc windows (most double glazed), gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway, fore / side / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £107,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Nightingale Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern semi detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & superbly presented internal accommodation. Situated in a sought after cul de sac location whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, 3 car side block paved driveway & fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £96,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Brookfield Way, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & garage conversion. Offering superbly presented internal accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, lounge, family room, fitted kitchen / dining room, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car block paved driveway and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Oval Road, Tipton — NEW

Improved End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Offering no upward chain & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, enclosed driveway, fore / large rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

St Helens Avenue, Bridgemere, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and additional loft-room. Superbly presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, additional loft-room, bathroom, driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Napier Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Extended Link Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & being extended to rear / side. Offering superbly presented internal accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, downstairs shower room, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, crete-print driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hope Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached occupying an excellent corner plot which we believe offers scope for extensions / garage (subject to planning). Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain & improved accommodation that briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, lobby, new fitted kitchen, utility, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway to side and fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Victoria Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Traditional Extended Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating, extension to rear at ground / first floor and offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, through lounge, re-fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom plus shower cubicle, vehicle access to rear providing parking for upto 4 vehicles, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS OVER £120,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bilston Road, Tipton

Traditional Detached Bungalow having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Storm porch, reception hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, good size driveway to front, rear garden and basements.
OFFERS AROUND: £150,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Charter Road, Rochford Gardens, Tipton — NEW

Modern Executive style Detached situated on a corner plot in a sought after location. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & being the largest design on the development whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, large conservatory, fitted kitchen, bakery room, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, block paved driveway, garage, fore / rear garden with store room.
OFFERS AROUND: £239,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

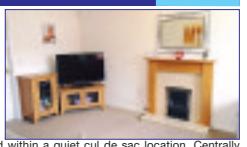
Bagnall Street, Tipton

Unique opportunity to purchase a detached bungalow with commercial units / garages on an excellent size plot. Superbly improved bungalow with upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in appliances, inner hallway, 3 bedrooms & bathroom. Outside comprises, 2 large garages, office, large storeroom with adjoining toilets, additional store & stables.
OFFERS AROUND: £244,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bloomfield Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £154,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Edwin Phillips Drive, West Bromwich — NEW



An Impressive Modern Detached House located within a quiet cul de sac location. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed and Intruder Alarmed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Detached Garage.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £154,950

St Benedicts Close, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

A Well Appointed Detached Bungalow at the Head of a Quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking, Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Margaret Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

An Attractively Decorated Mid Terraced House with Excellent Location for Local Amenities. No Upward Chain. Double Glazed and Centrally Heated. Accommodation Comprises- Lounge, Dininge Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor/ Bathroom/ WC, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Kinths Way, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

EXTENDED. NO UPWARD CHAIN. An Extended, Traditional style, Semi Detached House situated in this popular residential area near Dartmouth Park. Centrally heated, part double glazed and benefiting from no upward chain. Storm Porch, Hall, Lounge, L shaped Sitting/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/Wc, Off road parking for 3 cars. Good sized rear garden. Timber Garage (in need of attention). Includes carpets and curtains as fitted.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Lyndhurst Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

An Impressive Extended Traditional Semi Detached House. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Good size split level rear garden with rear vehicle access, Driveway Parking to Front leading to Garage/ Utility.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Somerset Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

A Three Bedroom Semi Detached House offering excellent extension potential (subject to planning permission). No Upward Chain. Benefitting from Central heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Garden to Side and Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £136,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Vowles Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands — REDUCED

A Modern Semi Detached House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £146,500
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Charlemont Avenue, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Attractive Traditional Semi Detached House situated within the highly regarded cul de sac of Charlemont Avenue. Benefitting From No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen & Dining Room, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Verandah, Large Rear Garden, Front Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands

An Attractive Modern Semi Detached House offering Deceptively Spacious Family Sized Accommodation. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Large Kitchen with Dining Area, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Rear Garden and Off Road Parking for Several Cars.
OFFERS AROUND: £150,000
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Churchfields Place, All Saints Way, West Bromwich

★★ Grand opening of the The Emerson Show Home on Saturday 9th July, 11am. Call for details.★★ The Emerson is truely an impressive five bedroom family home. The open plan kitchen/breakfast/family room feels particularly bright and airy, with French doors to the garden. To relax, the sitting room is the perfect place to spend a cosy evening together.
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Church Hill, Wednesbury — NEW

- A ★★FREEHOLD★★ Modern Ground Floor 2 Bedroom Apartment
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OFFERS AROUND: £79,995
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Hyett Way, Bilston

- A Well Presented 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
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Pound Road, Wednesbury — NEW

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- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Vimy Road, Wednesbury

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- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (both as sepcified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

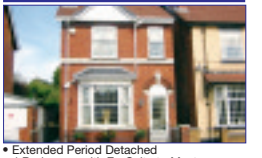
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Myvod Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature 'Louis' Fireplace

FIXED/ASKING: £116,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hydes Road, Wednesbury, Wednesbury



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Hawthorn Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Popular Location
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £124,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Bagnall Street, Tipton

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semui Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £129,995
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Maple Avenue, Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet Cul-de-sac Location with No Upward Chain
- Centrally Heated & Double Glazed (where specified)
- Generous Corner PLot with Fantastic Secluded Gardens

OFFERS AROUND: £139,995
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Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Extended 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Conviniently Located
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £154,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Resevoir Passage, Wednesbury

- Extended 3 Bedroom Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Ever Popular Area
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £179,995
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Riverway, Wednesbury

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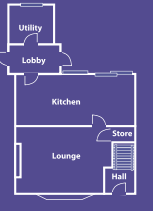

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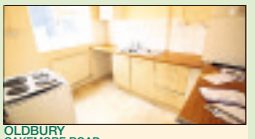

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Lot 7: 44 Francis Road, Acocks Green ..... **Residential Vacant**
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Lot 9: Beechenhurst, 10 Serpentine Road, Selly Park ..... **Commercial Vacant**
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Lot 11: 28, 32, 36, 37 & 38 Stephens Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield ..... **Ground Rents**
Lot 12: 5, 13, 24, 26, 28, 29, 36, 41 & 63 Abingdon Road, Netherton, Dudley ..... **Ground Rents**
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Lot 20: The Lordship of Bericote ..... **Title**
Lot 21: Garages 19 & 54 off Magnolia Way & Crystal Avenue, Amblecote, Stourbridge ..... **Garages**
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Lot 23: Stuart House, Vale Pitts Road, Garretts Green ..... **Commercial Investment**
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Lot 25: 23 Crowther Street, Wolverhampton ..... **Residential Vacant**
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Lot 65: 76 Church Road, Aston ..... **Commercial Investment**
Lot 66: Agricultural Land Between Parsons Lane & Chadwick Lane, Hartlebury, Worcs. ..... **Land**
Lot 67: Agricultural Land to the East of the A449, Hartlebury, Worcs. ..... **Land**
Lot 68: 196 Birmingham New Road, Wolverhampton ..... **Residential Vacant**
Lot 69: 83 Holly Road, Handsworth ..... **Residential Vacant**
Lot 70: 1 Harrison Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield ..... **Residential Vacant**
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Lot 72: 21 Bilston Street, Sedgley, Dudley ..... **Commercial Vacant**
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Lot 75: 51 Roseville Precinct, Coseley ..... **Residential Vacant**
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Lot 86: 17 New Street, Gornal Wood, Dudley ..... **Residential Vacant**
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Bank's backing boosts brothers in redevelopment search

Cash injection help property empire to grow

Two Black Country brothers are continuing to take the property world by storm with help from further substantial funding approaching £500,000 from Lloyds TSB Commercial.

Philip and Mark Stewardson launched Stewardson Developments after purchasing their first investment property in Cradley Heath in 1995.

Their initial goal was to buy 10 run-down houses, refurbish and rent them out for their own retirement fund.

After realising the potential of the property market in the West Midlands, the brothers have expanded their business considerably, and now own a portfolio of 120 properties – both commercial and residential – within a 15 mile radius of Cradley Heath.

In 2002 the business diversified and concentrated on buying run-down pubs which they converted into a diverse range of commercial properties from chip shops to office blocks, while continuing to renovate a steady stream of residential developments to satisfy growing rental demand in the region.

The most recent funding from Lloyds TSB Commercial's Property Banking team has allowed Stewardson Developments to purchase a further three residential houses, each worth between £100,000 and £150,000, and the business expects to purchase a further 10 over the next year.

Selective

Phillip Stewardson said: "We started the business over 15 years ago in the hope of having a small nest egg for our retirement, but it has gone from strength to strength.

"Whilst the property market itself has slowed down since then, we are selective about those that we add to our portfolio and are confident that the value we add by carrying out the refurbishment will allow us to continue our success.

"Working closely with Lloyds TSB Commercial has been instrumental in being able to grow the business. "They have been incredibly supportive over the years and genuinely show an interest in what we do – we have even had various people from the bank come along and view projects with us over the years.

"It is important to us to reinvest the profit back into the business and the bank appreciates this.

"Occasionally we have to react very quickly to an unexpected opportunity and the bank has been extremely flexible and quickly laid out the options open to us to achieve our goals."

Paul Atkinson, relationship manager at Lloyds TSB Commercial, said: "Having worked with Phillip and Mark over the years, it's clear that they have a strong business model and the industry experience that is required to continue to grow in a challenging market.

"Stewardson Developments is not only adding value to the properties it buys, but is investing in the local area, which is great for the Black Country.

"Having seen the potential in the region, Philip and Mark have stayed close to their roots – focusing on opportunities around the A456 corridor."

From left: Mark Stewardson of Stewardson Developments, Paul Atkinson of Lloyds TSB Commercial and Phil

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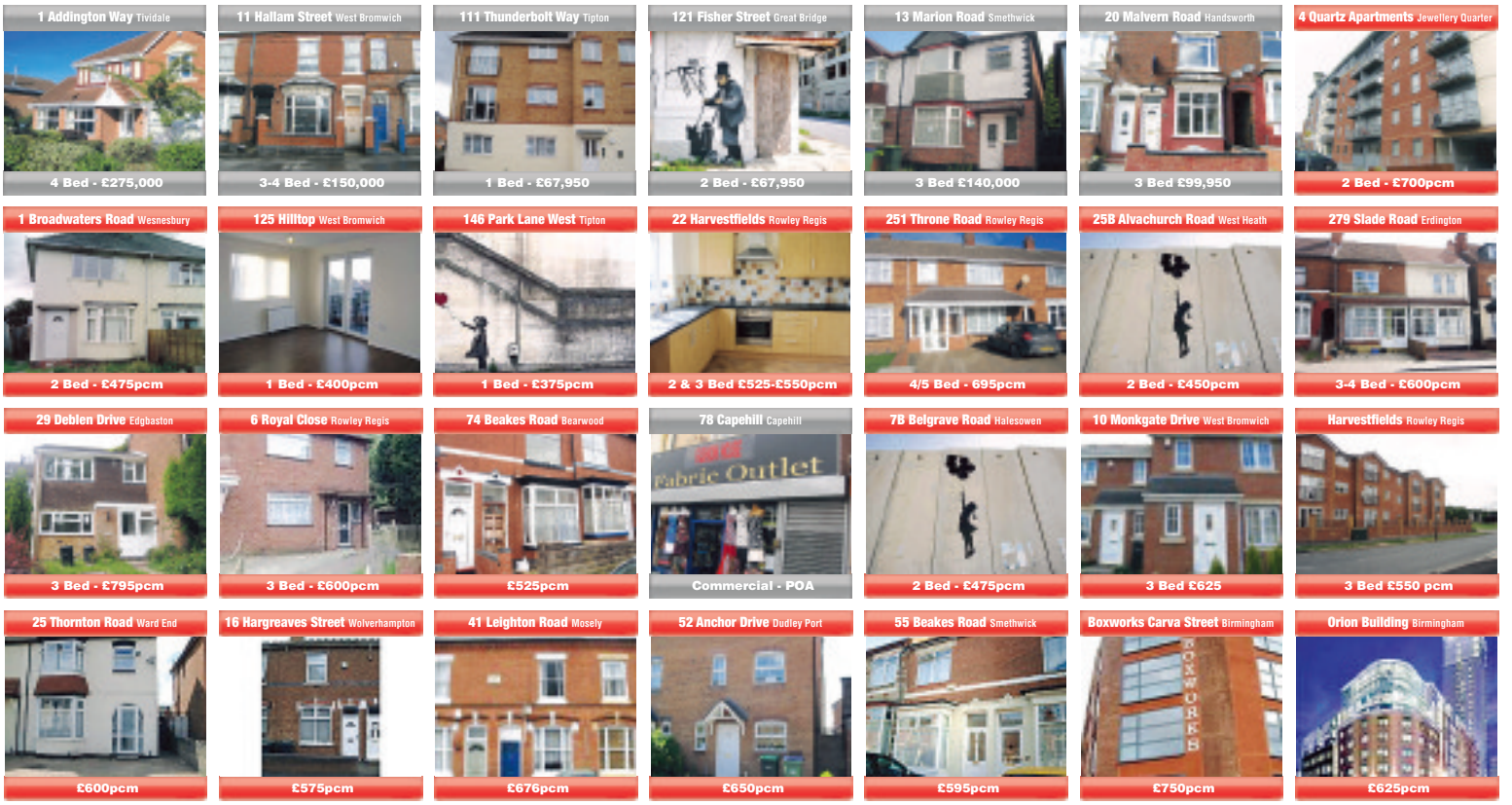

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WEST BROMWICH
PIERCY STREET

- ★ Four bedroom modern detached house
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ En suite to master bedroom plus family bathroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking to front and garage to rear
- ★ Burglar alarm

£209,995

NEW

£175,000

WEST BROMWICH
ALLENS AVENUE

- ★ Three bedroom detached bungalow
- ★ Lounge and open plan conservatory
- ★ Kitchen with integral appliances
- ★ Modernised throughout
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking to the rear
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Burglar alarm

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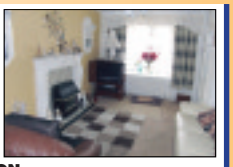
TIPTON
OXFORD WAY

- ★ Modern four bedroom detached
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Breakfast kitchen and utility area
- ★ Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

Was £217,500 Now £209,995

NEW



TIPTON
CHRISTINE CLOSE

- ★ Three bedroom detached on corner plot
- ★ Lounge and dining kitchen
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Front, rear and side gardens

£164,995

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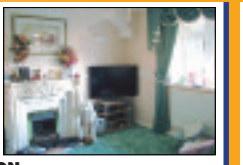

TIPTON
TURTON ROAD

- ★ Five bedroom semi detached
- ★ Three reception rooms
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Downstairs bathroom and first floor shower room
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Car port
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£120,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW

- ★ Three bedroom modern detached
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Kitchen with utility room
- ★ Downstairs WC, upstairs family bathroom
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Off road parking and integral garage
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)

Was £159,995 Now £150,000

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
POETS COURT

- ★ Two bedroom first floor apartment
- ★ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- ★ Communal parking

£84,995

NEW

TIPTON
RICHARDS ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Lounge and kitchen
- ★ Downstairs bathroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Garden to rear

£78,000

NEW

OLDBURY
QUAYSIDE CLOSE

- ★ First floor modern two bedroom flat
- ★ Lounge/kitchen area
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Double glazing and electric storage heating (where specified)
- ★ Allocated parking
- ★ Communal ground

£67,000 with 5% gifted deposit

NEW

TIPTON
CHURCHFIELD AVENUE

- ★ Three bedroom first floor flat
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom and separate WC
- ★ Single glazing and central heating (where specified)
- ★ Communal grounds

£47,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
MENIN ROAD

- ★ Well presented four bedroom and terrace
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Downstairs WC
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

Was £117,500 Now £114,995

NEW

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CALLAGHAN DRIVE

- ★ Modern four bedroom detached
- ★ Lounge/dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen and utility room
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£209,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
HENN DRIVE

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen and conservatory
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Rear garden

Was £117,500 Now £114,995

TIPTON
BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom detached
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Downstairs shower room
- ★ First floor family bathroom
- ★ Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking, garage and rear garden

£190,000

TIPTON
IRVING ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom mid town house in quiet cul-de-sac location
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Drive and garage to rear
- ★ Rear garden

£114,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
OXFORD WAY

- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge and breakfast kitchen
- ★ Downstairs WC
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Front and rear gardens

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- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom and separate WC
- ★ Rear garden with vehicle access
- ★ No upward chain

£104,950

TIPTON
EDWARD ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached on corner plot
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Front, rear and side gardens

£99,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
BURNT TREE

- ★ Three bedroom end terrace
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Majority double glazing
- ★ Block paved hard standing
- ★ Frontage
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Communal parking to the rear

Was £114,995 Now £107,000

TIPTON
SOLLY GROVE

- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£99,995

TIPTON
CUPFIELDS AVENUE

- ★ Two bedroom end terrace
- ★ Lounge and kitchen
- ★ Laundry room and downstairs WC
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£87,500

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
RAILWAY STREET

- ★ Two bedroom modern mid terrace
- ★ Lounge and conservatory
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

Was £102,500 Now £95,000

TIPTON
CHERRY ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ No upward chain

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- ★ Breakfast kitchen
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- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

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£95,000 REDUCED
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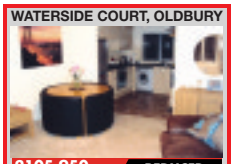
WATERSIDE COURT, OLDBURY



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Housebuilder gets funding to help first-time buyers

THE West Midlands' leading housebuilder has secured national funding to help First Time Buyers who want to take their first step on the housing ladder.

Barratt West Midlands today announced that hundreds of local households who have previously been priced out of home ownership will be able to take advantage of the Central Government money to buy a property of their own.

The funds are part of a new scheme called FirstBuy which the Chancellor announced in the Budget in March.

It is designed to give First Time Buyers a route to home ownership at the lowest possible cost and with the lowest possible deposit.

"Hundreds of First Time Buyers in the West Midlands now have the chance to move into a new home with a deposit of as little as £2,998" said Graydon Worthing, sales director at Barratt West Midlands.

"Everyone should be clear that this is a great opportunity to buy a privately owned first home of your own."

"A lot of people in the West Midlands will be eligible to take advantage of FirstBuy – any household with a combined income of up to £60,000 qualifies - so I would urge anyone interested to contact us as soon as possible.

"We have limited availability in this area but we know that demand will be high because thousands of people have already pre-registered their interest on our website." Under FirstBuy, buyers will be offered a loan of up to 20 per cent of the price of the property, jointly funded by Barratt West Midlands and the Government's Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

The buyers then have to find the remaining 80 per cent of the price themselves. Up to 75 per cent of this could be a mortgage, leaving a deposit of just 5 per cent.

In practice, that means that anyone buying a two-bedroom house from Barratt West Midlands priced at £114,950 under the scheme would potentially be able to get on the housing ladder with a deposit of as little as £4,598.

Richard Hill, deputy chief executive at the HCA, said: "Thanks to FirstBuy over 10,000 first time buyers will be able to realise the dream of owning their home, while house builders will benefit from an additional source of sales, giving a much-needed boost to the development industry."

The company is selling properties at the following developments:

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For details, contact the sales office, call 0844 811 9933 seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or go to www.barratthomes.co.uk

Hundreds of First Time Buyers in the West Midlands now have the opportunity to move into a new home with a deposit of as little as £2,998 thanks to FirstBuy Direct

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LET
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£500

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NEW
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QUINTON
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An opportunity to acquire a spacious, considerably improved and well presented 3 bedroomed family home conveniently situated within this popular neighbourhood, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall (with downstairs w.c., off), attractive lounge, (double doors to) open plan dining area/ fitted kitchen (having integral oven/hob, fridge and freezer), breakfast room/study, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking, side garage/useful store and pleasant rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345.
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OLDBURY
NEW PRICE
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NEW PRICE
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SMETHWICK
NO UPWARD CHAIN
Gilbert Road
A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 3 bedroomed intermediate terraced property having gas radiator heating, double glazing, requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, rear vestibule area, downstairs bathroom, separate w.c., 3 bedrooms and pleasant rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
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SANDON ROAD, SMETHWICK
NEW PRICE
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NEW

Selsey Road, Edgbaston

- A Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Ideal Investment Opportunity
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NEW PRICE

Weston Road, Bearwood

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- Generous Rear Garden
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NEW PRICE

West Park Road, Smethwick

- Four Bedroom Semi
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- Full of Character Features
- Generously Sized Accommodation
- In Need of General Modernisation
- No Upward Chain

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Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury

- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Stunning New Kitchen
- Superb New Bathroom
- No Chain

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NEW PRICE

Beakes Road, Bearwood

- A Two Double Bed Terrace
- Full of Character
- Original Features Throughout
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Appointed Bathroom
- Extensive Rear Garden

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NEW PRICE

Gillott Road, Edgbaston

- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
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Lotus set to blossom

BRITISH success in the car industry is usually worth celebrating and when the subject is the much-loved sports car maker Lotus, there's even more reason to be proud.

Having undergone difficult management squabbles in the past, the stable ownership of Proton has allowed the Norfolk firm to push forward with ambitious plans for the future.

The clearest example of this was the show-stealing array of production concepts presented at the 2010 Paris motor show. The five concepts came with a promise of production reality within five years, an ambitious plan for any size of manufacturer.

Greg Mansell, Bruno Senna, Vitaly Petrov, James Rossiter and Johnny Mowlem lining up behind a string of Lotus racing cars

Almost a year on, and once again Lotus is talking about its future plans but with the emphasis on facilities, starting with the new multimillion-pound test track.

The old Lotus track at Hethel was a challenge for car and driver, mainly due to the mixed and crumbling surfaces, but the new facility is a spectacular high-speed challenge.

Collection

To demonstrate the new circuit and to highlight Lotus's multi-formula assault on motorsport, it rolled out a collection of historic and modern day racers that any manufacturer would love to have.

F1 World Champion and Indy Car Champion Nigel Mansell was reunited with his first Lotus F1 racer, while the current Lotus Renault F1 machines blitzed the new circuit driven by current driver Vitaly Petrov and test driver Bruno Senna.

Yet there was equal emphasis on its future road car programme, as chief engineer Wolf Zimmermann revealed that the next Esprit supercar will use a new V8 engine developed in-house.

This may give it the performance to challenge the established benchmarks from Ferrari and McLaren.

At the other end of the scale, it confirmed production of a city car called Ethos to appear in 2014.

A re-engineered version of the vehicle will also be sold by parent company Proton. Such a comprehensive assault on a number of fronts may sound like a step too far, but Lotus is keen to point out that a company of its size can make quick decisions and rapid progress.

The first step in the programme will be the new Esprit in 2013, and if that hits the mark, it will signal a complete transformation of this iconic British brand.

Speed king – Nigel Mansell at the wheel of his 1981 Essex-Lotus 81B

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Left, the Volvo V70 estate and below, the S80 saloon

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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in a south westerly direction in Kingsway, Oldbury, from its junction with Walters Road, Oldbury, to its junction with Hagley Road West.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Walters Road and Hagley Road West.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new power connection.
4. The Order will take effect on 17th July 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 24th July 2011. It is anticipated that the one way system will be in operation on Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th July 2011. However, the Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Roy Newton on telephone number 07717 895977. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Highways Services Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

DATED this 7th day of July 2011

N SHARMA
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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a) THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 3) (NORTHBOUND ENTRY SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

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Mike Lloyd, a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

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BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE CRICKET

Batters hit top form as Dartmouth edge thriller

Action from West Bromwich Dartmouth versus Knowle. Pic by Dave Edwards www.newboldimages.co.uk

WEST Bromwich Dartmouth closed the gap on second-placed Knowle and Dorridge as they edged a run-laden thriller between the sides.

Dartmouth claimed a winning draw from the weekend clash but they had to keep their nerve in a tense final over despite posting a daunting 333-7.

K&D needed 11 runs from the final over and just two from the last delivery but they fell agonisingly short, leaving Dartmouth to celebrate a winning draw. Staffordshire's Kadeer Ali hit 132 for Dartmouth, while New Zealander Jeet Raval made 114 as the openers gave Dartmouth a huge platform for their mammoth score.

Warwickshire youngster Ateeq Javid starred with the ball for WB Dartmouth with 4-55 but his efforts were almost in a losing cause as his Edgbaston second XI team-mate Richard Johnson hit 122 and K&D ended the game on 332-8.

Unbeaten

Opener Craig Wood's 118 was not quite enough to give Kidderminster victory as Aaron Jeavons' unbeaten 83 helped Wolverhampton hang on for a losing draw.

Wood was the mainstay of Kidderminster's 249-8 with Neil Pinner (22), Jonathan Wright (31) and Chris Whelan (24) offering the main support.

Chris Russell starred with the ball for Wolverhampton with 3-42.

Gareth Williams and James Ralph took two wickets apiece for Kidderminster but Jeavons helped Wolverhampton hold firm at 169-8.

Faisal Shahid's unbeaten 39 was not enough to save Smethwick from a 101-run defeat to Barnt Green.

Barnt Green posted 242-6 then dismissed Smethwick for 141 in 47 overs. A four-wicket haul from captain Stuart Wedge could not prevent Himley suffering defeat to Moseley.

Wedge took 4-56, Daniel Smith claimed 3-52 and Shafiq Ahmed took 3-58 as Himley dismissed Moseley for 226.

But Himley were then bowled out for 160 in reply with Wedge again the mainstay, top-scoring with an undefeated 34.

Paul Wicker claimed four wickets but he could not save Walsall from a hard-fought defeat by Wellington.

Wicker's 4-51 helped his side restrict the Shropshire outfit to 191-9 but 4-23 from ex-Nottinghamshire man Bilal Shafayat saw Walsall dismissed for 164.

Opener Paul Baker top-scored with 33.

Old Hill

Old Hill saw their Division One promotion push suffer a jolt as they had to settle for a losing draw against Attock.

Attock posted 245-8 withOld Hill ending on 200-9. Michael Hingley top-scored with 43.

Wombourne bagged an impressive win over Brockhampton.

Mike Hill (60), Karl Quiney (59) and Ian Walker (40) led the victory charge as Wombourne overhauled Brockhampton's 265-4.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE RESULTS

1st XI – Premier Division

Barnt Green (24 points) **242-6** (C.Crowe 72, R.Wilkinson 68) defeated **Smethwick** (3 points) **141** (S.Bevan 4-37) by 101 runs.

Kidderminster Victoria (17 points) **249-8** (C.Wood 118) drew with **Wolverhampton** (7 points) 169-8 (A.Jeavons 83*).

Knowle & Dorridge (9 points) **332-8** (R.Johnson 122, A.Chishti 64, J.Hemming 48, L.Parker 45, A.Javed 4-55) drew with **W.B.Dartmouth** (15 points) **333-7** (K.Ali 132, J.Raval 114).

Leamington Spa (18 points) **300-6** (A.Phillips 125, T.Lewis 90) drew with **Shrewsbury** (7 points) **224-9** (P.Donaldson 43, R.Bishop 42).

Moseley (24 points) **226** (S.Chase 55, S.Wedge 4-56) defeated **Himley** (6 points) **160** (R.Gordon 4-60) by 66 runs.

Walsall (6 points) **164** (B.Shafayat 4-23) lost to **Wellington** (24 points) **191-9** (P.Wicker 4-51) by 27 runs.

Division One

Berkswell (20 points) **111-2** defeated **Shifnal** (0 points) **110** by 8 wickets.

Brockhampton (6 points) **265-4** (C.Boroughs 127*, A.Hewlett 56) lost to **Wombourne** (20 points) **266-6** (M.Hill 60, K.Quiney 59, I.Walker 40) by 4 wickets.

Bromsgrove (16 points) **256-9** drew with **Kenilworth Wardens** (9 points) **205-9**.

Coventry NW (9 points) **239-9** (M.Pickering 113, J.Cutler 4-39) drew with **Evesham** (16 points) **251** (J.Dodd 92, M.Snyman 58*, H.Horsley 4-63).

Dorridge (24 points) **314-6** defeated **Walmley** (6 points) **247** by 67 runs.

Old Hill (8 points) **200-9** (M.Hingley 43) drew with **Attock** (16 points) **245-8**.

Division Two

Cannock (20 points) **216-6** (L.Hickey 79, J.Lehmann 66) defeated **Stratford-upon-Avon** (5 points) **215-6** (J.Barker 4-69) by 4 wickets.

Fordhouses (24 points) **271-7** (C.Hlengani 63, S.Richards 47, R.Thompson 47, I.Yousaf 42) defeated **Aston Manor** (5 points) **171** (K.Schreuder 90) by 100 runs.

Halesowen (7 points) **231-9** (W.Griffiths 75, P.Croft 43) drew with **Eastnor** (16 points) **254-6** (A.ur Rehman 125, F.Khalid 72).

Old Elizabethans (4 points) **234-9** lost to **Bridgnorth** (24 points) **236-4** by 6 wickets.

Ombersley (18 points) **240-8** drew with **Whitchurch** (7 points) **174-9**.

Water Orton (0 points) **53** lost to **Harborne** (24 points) **55-1** by 9 wickets.

Division Three

Brewood (20 points) **264-5** (C.Pearce 134, B.Thomason 55, C.Fox 45*) defeated **Oswestry** (6 points) **263-7** (C.Guest 4-68) by 5 wickets.

Handsworth (0 points) **49** lost to **Wednesbury** (20 points) **50-1** by 9 wickets.

Lichfield (4 points) **148** (D.Price 71) lost to **Studley** (24 points) **194-8** by 46 runs.

St.Georges (6 points) **175** lost to **Penn** (24 points) **211** (A.Lawley 54, V.Lal 50, S.Dhillon 44, B.O'Keefe 4-41, C.Miller 4-57) by 36 runs.

Sutton Coldfield (4 points) **79** lost to **Barnards Green** (24 points) **164** by 85 runs.

Tamworth (24 points) **219-7** (S.Burrows 54, M.Talbot 53) defeated **Coleshill** (6 points) **218** (L.Craig 61, D.Brown 50, J.Gray 6-50) by 3 wickets.

2nd XI – Premier Division

Harborne (2 points) **163** lost to **Old Hill** (20 points) **166-2** (D.Wood 106*, J.Thorn 44) by 8 wickets.

Shrewsbury (6 points) **275** lost to **Leamington Spa** (20 points) **276-6** by 4 wickets.

Stratford-upon-Avon (2 points) **150-9** (J.Harcourt 40) lost to **Moseley** (20 points) **151-3** by 7 wickets.

Walmley (5 points) **215** (M.Green 6-43) lost to **Walsall** (20 points) **216-5** (T.Maxfield 84, J.Middleton 77) by 5 wickets.

W.B.Dartmouth (7 points) **213** (S.Roberts 53) lost to **Knowle & Dorridge** (24 points) **219-9** by 6 runs.

Wolverhampton (24 points) **260-8** (J.Fell 64, N.Vaidya 55) defeated **Kidderminster Victoria** (6 points) 217 (P.Stevens 62, N.Raven 43, M.Young 7-52) by 43 runs.

Division One

Attock (24 points) **265-8** defeated **Water Orton** (4 points) **133** by 132 runs.

Bridgnorth (20 points) **173-5** defeated **Old Elizabethans** (4 points) **172-9** by 5 wickets.

Himley (20 points) **209-8** (J.Harris 54, A.Harris 51, A.Mackleworth 50*) defeated **Coventry & N.W.** (6 points) **208-6** by 2 wickets.

Shifnal (24 points) **258-4** defeated **Halesowen** (5 points) **254-8** (J.Tandy 152*, H.Dawson 5-65) by 6 wickets.

Wellington (20 points) **170-7** defeated **Dorridge** (5 points) **168** by 3 wickets.

Wombourne (24 points) **80-0** defeated **Tamworth** (0 points) **78** by 10 wickets.

Division Two (North)

Aston Manor (24 points) **187-5** defeated **Fordhouses** (4 points) **186-9** (J.Cheema 87) by 5 wickets.

Oswestry (24 points) **280-9** defeated **Brewood** (4 points) **110** (P.Shirt 53) by 170 runs.

Penn (20 points) **141-6** defeated **St.Georges** (3 points) **140** by 4 wickets.

Smethwick (24 points) **172-3** (K.Zaman 56) defeated **Sutton Coldfield** (3 points) 171 by 7 wickets.

Wednesbury (20 points) **103-5** defeated **Cannock** (2 points) **101** by 5 wickets.

Whitchurch (18 points) **313-5** drew with **Lichfield** (6 points) **183-9** (T.West 51*).

Division Two (South)

Barnards Green (1 point) **139** lost to **Barnt Green** (20 points) **142-2** by 8 wickets.

Coleshill (2 points) **149** lost to **Brockhampton** (24 points) **151-4** by 6 wickets.

Eastnor (3 points) **180** lost to **Berkswell** (20 points) **182-3** by 7 wickets.

Evesham (0 points) **51** lost to **Handsworth** (20 points) **52-1** by 9 wickets.

Kenilworth Wardens (20 points) **129-2** defeated **Bromsgrove** (1 point) 126 by 8 wickets.

Studley (14 points) **185** tied with **Ombersley** (14 points) **185**.

BOXING

Aston lands solid win in Germany

ICE-COOL Ryan Aston cheered British fight fans at the biggest boxing show of the year in Hamburg on Saturday night.

The Dudley middleweight continued a perfect start to his pro career with a four-round points win over Bulgarian Zuhari Muatfchiev that came seven days after victory on his paid debut.

Aston's win was the opening fight of the show topped by David Haye's heavyweight unification battle with Wladimir Klitschko and the Imtech Arena was slowly filling with fans when the Black Country prospect ducked between the ropes.

Edgbaston

Aston, part of the Haymaker promotional stable, has much to look forward to.

His next fight is pencilled in for Friday, September 23 at Tower Ballrooms in Edgbaston when the southpaw will be looking to build on a polished start to his professional career.

Aston, a former England amateur international, said: "It was such a great experience for me to box on such a big show. It's given me a taste of where I want to be."

Aston looks destined for a fine professional career.

Muatfchiev, a 37 year old, had won his previous fight and in a trip to Britain, had extended highly-regarded former ABA champion Liam Cameron the distance.

Aston, so relaxed and loose around the shoulders, handled him with ease. He moved smoothly up and down the gears, disguising his punches well and punishing the Bulgarian to body and head and was close to forcing a stoppage in the third round.

Aston's cousin, Josh, was a winner on Saturday but the Midlands team were overrun by their counterparts in Gibraltar.

Light flyweight Aston, took a unanimous points decision against Tyronne Buttigieg in the British overseas territory.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

This Sunday sees Sandwell Lions take on Leicester Monarchs in the second round of the British Team Championship, at Sandwell's Tividale track in Lower City Road, with a 2pm start.

Sandwell's first home match of the season, ended in a defeat at the hands of the Leicestershire side. So the Lions will be out for some revenge.

Admission is free, so make it a date, Sunday at 2 pm. This will be the start of a busy month at home with the Lions home again on the July 17 against Wednesfield, then on July 24 they meet Ipswich at Tividale in a Premier league match, and on July 31 Stoke are the visitors. On Sunday, August 7, the mighty Poole will be in Tividale.

Last Sunday Sandwell rode at Ashmore Park and were beaten by Wednesfield 105 to 75 in the Midland League

Left to right Jodie Stimpson, Erin Densham and Hollie Avil

Oldbury Jodie's awesome comeback not enough to catch Aussie and Avil in Canary Wharf triathlon

AUSTRALIAN Erin Densham became the 2011 GE Canary Wharf Triathlon champion last Thursday, eventually easing to victory after beating off strong competition from Hollie Avil and a spirited comeback from Oldbury's Jodie Stimpson.

Densham finished in a time of 0:28:40, 12 seconds ahead of Avil after a powerful finish on the run.Densham (25), from New South Wales, said: "It's a great race and a great course. The format is awesome – you never know what's going to happen, you've just got to go hard the whole time.

"I heard a lot of people cheering for me which always helps you lift your game."

Second-placed Hollie Avil, from Bugbrooke, finished in 0:28:52, continuing an impressive comeback after finishing 12th at the European Championships last weekend. She said: "It's another step in the right direction."

Gutsy

Despite a gutsy effort on the bike, Stimpson from Oldbury, the defending British Triathlon Super Series Champion, was unable to catch the front two finishing third in 0:28:59.

She commented after the race: "I could see them in the distance, I could almost touch them but they were working together and they did a good job of staying ahead.

"I knew I was behind after the swim so I was in a rush to get back in touch with the leaders. I knew Erin was the girl that I had to beat. Hollie was in my sights (on the run) and I was clawing her down but in the end I just ran out of road."

Densham breezed through the first heat in pole position with a solid performance that set her up nicely for a shot at the title. As the crowds gathered at Canary Wharf, the Aussie carried her early form into the grand final and put in a scintillating run to pull away from Avil, Lucy Hall and Abbie Thorrington to claim the champion's trophy.

The GE Canary Wharf Triathlon is the penultimate race in this year's British Triathlon Super Series with the podium positions still all to play for after tonight's dramatic race.

This first race in the iconic business and shopping district of Canary Wharf attracted a strong contingent of athletes from Great Britain and Australia.

The event also included a 'Corporate Wave' race which saw Canary Wharf tenants battle it out in a relay over the same course as the elite athletes, with the LOCOG team utilising their local knowledge to ultimately triumph.

Elite competitors will now look ahead to the last race in the season, the Virgin Active London Triathlon on July 30 as the race to be crowned British Triathlon Super Series Champion 2011 enters the home straight.

The triumphant Charlesworth team from Old Hill

More success for karate kids... and veteran

CHARLESWORTH Martial Arts of Old Hill have proved to be on top form again by competing against other local sport karate schools.

Once again Jason Charlesworth's team proved to be the Pride of the Black Country. Tyler Cox, seven years old, started off by winning the under 4ft advanced boys, then Amber Jones, 12, won the girls advanced light contact.

Rhiannon Ryder, 13, who has just had an appendix operation ,fought brilliant as she beat all the girls that came in front of her.

Jason was so proud of his young warrior, Reuben Charlesworth, as the 13-year-old Bishop Milner student showed why he is so highly rated. He showed he is the number one fighter in the country for his age. Reuben stepped up in to the adults section and he dominated each fight and again came out in first place.

Weston Bogle of Oldbury Sports College also stepped up to the adults level and after having several hard fights also came out in first place.

World

Veteran Denise Hall, a former world champion, came out of retirement and showed age is a big part of the sport by beating all the younger women and winning the ladies' open weight black belt division.

For more information contact Jason on 0121 448 1341 .

Fun day at Goals Soccer Centre with celebrity guest

FOLLOWING last year's hugely successful event, Goals Soccer Centre is running another community fun day tomorrow (Friday).

Last year over 800 young people, teachers and parents attended the event where a football competition was held with 42 teams from years five and six for local boys and girls from primary schools in Oldbury, Rowley Regis, Cradley and Tividale. Alongside this a fete style community day was held which helped raise over £800 for a young person from Birmingham with severe disabilities to send him on a holiday of his dreams through local based charity Promise Dreams.

This year West Midlands Police and Sandwell Extended Services have again joined together along with other partner agencies such as Promise Dreams, The Albion Foundation, Fusion Dance, Sandwell Leisure Trust and Beacon Radio to host a Community Fun Day at Goals Soccer Centre which will involve a football tournament to mirror this years Champions League Tournament – alongside various fete style activities, stalls and fundraising with the view of providing another dream for a local young person with severe disabilities.

Bull

Ex-Wolves player Steve Bull will be presenting trophies to the winners at the centre in Cakemore Road, Rowley Regis.This event will be targeting the young people, teachers and family and friends from primary schools from Oldbury, Rowley Regis, Cradley and Tividale and will be attended by various representatives from West Midlands Police departments, Fire Service, Ambulance and St Johns Ambulance providing clear messages on crime prevention and health and safety advice.

Sandwell Police have donated £1000 from the Property Act Fund to help fund the event. The money comes from property confiscated bu court order.

Beacon Radio is supporting the event and providing entertainment on the day. Running alongside the tournament will be dance workshops with Fusion Dance and various displays. Students from St Michael's CofE High School, Rowley Regis, will act as runners and marshals for the day

sport

Cricket: WMD in fine form – see page 59

Blondes have more fun? Albion striker Peter Odemwingie (right) sports a new hairstyle as he chats to midfield star Youssouf Mulumbu as the squad got back to work as they reported for the start of pre-season training

Skipper backs boss for new era of success

ALBION kicked off pre-season training this week with captain Chris Brunt backing boss Roy Hodgson to continue his Hawthorns success story.

The Baggies squad assembled for the first time since the end of last season's Hodgson-inspired rescue act to begin their preparations for the head coach's first full campaign at the helm.

And Brunt, who is keen to keep the skipper's armband for the new term, believes Hodgson will carry last season's momentum into the challenges ahead.

Hodgson arrived at The Hawthorns in February on the back of a troubled spell at Liverpool but Brunt believes his achievements in halting Albion's slide towards relegation danger have underlined the Premier League credentials the 63-year-old carved out impressively at Fulham.

"He seems to be really happy and upbeat," said Brunt. "He came here with a job to do and passed the test with flying colours.

"To be safe with three games to go means he's more than proved himself, if he felt he needed to that.

I don't think anyone would question how good a manager or coach he is because you can see that by how well we've played since he's taken over.

Achievement

"It's another achievement in his career which I'm sure ranks up there with his achievements at Fulham.

"We were in freefall when he took over so for him to turn us around and only lose two games in 12, you can't argue with that."

Summer recruits Gareth McAuley and Billy Jones were set to link up with the full squad for the first time today after Hodgson's men completed fitness tests individually over the weekend.

And the Baggies are still hopeful that former midfielder Zoltan Gera will soon be back among their ranks after continuing talks with the Hungary international over a Hawthorns return. On Tuesday they were still awaiting an answer from former Blackpool midfielder David Vaughan, a Welsh international, who has been offered a Baggies contract.

And they are stepping up their efforts to sign a new goalkeeper after Scott Carson completed his move to Turkish side Bursaspor at the weekend.

Reports claiming the Baggies are keen on former Villa midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker were exaggerated, although there was initial contact between the parties and Albion could enquire again should other transfer plans fall through.

They have also lodged an interest with Reading in sought-after striker Shane Long but, with the likes of Everton and Newcastle also in the running, the Royals are likely to seek a transfer fee of up to £10m, leaving the Irishman out of Albion's reach.

The goalkeeper hunt continued today with former Baggies keeper Tomasz Kuszczak, West Ham's Robert Green and Newcastle's Steve Harper all on the list of potential signings.

Portugal No.1 Eduardo, of Genoa, has also been discussed although he is not near the top of the transfer hit-list. Albion could still be in the market for two keepers with coach Dean Kiely having stood down from the playing ranks before Carson left for Bursaspor.

Monmore fortress no longer a place to fear

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WOLVES 46 BIRMINGHAM 43

WOLVES' play-off challenge is suffering where they least expected it – at Monmore Green.Their four points on the road, if a touch underwhelming, is at least a respectable tally.But the drip feed of points lost at their former fortress is threatening to become a stream rather than a trickle.

Only two home matches out of seven have brought the full three-point return and on Monday night Birmingham joined the list of visitors to take at least some of the spoils.

The result handed the Brummies a point because of the scoring system which rewards an away team for losing by six or less.

And the meeting also saw the return to form of Polish star Krzysztof Kasprzak who notched 10, including a win over home star Freddie Lindgren in the opening heat.

Boss Graham Drury said: "It was good to see KK back to something like his old self. I'm pleased to take a point from a tough place like this but it could have been even better."

The Brummies' fast starting in the early heats gave them the lead, and it was a solid performance from the visitors, apart from Claus Vissing, whose only point was a gift in heat nine, and they will be happy to take a point back to Perry Barr.

For Wolves, Lindgren only dropped a point to Kasprzak in the opening heat, and Tai Woffinden's fall was his only blemish as the Monmore men totalled 10 race wins, but had too many last places.

Wolves' star turn Lindgren jetted clear to take the 13th, and although skipper Peter Karlsson was passed neatly by Kasprzak the third-place point was enough to nose Wolves ahead once more.

Yet the match took another twist in heat 14 when the anxious Ricky Wells blasted through the tapes to earn a 15-metre handicap.

Though bad news on the face of it, the silver lining was that the penalty moved his partner Woffinden off the graveyard gate four – not a single point from the previous four heats – and onto trap two. Woffinden duly took the honours and Lindgren closed out the match by taking the flag in the last, Karlsson's third place after being passed by Ben Barker enough to widen the victory margin.

Lindgren, Karlsson and Woffinden – who surely merited a heat 15 nomination – did more than enough between them to ensure a comfortable home victory. But, Ty Proctor aside, there was insufficient backing down the order.

The Brummies, with Kasprzak giving arguably his best performance yet at Monmore, were always in contention. A year ago the Pole produced a dismal showing at the Green for Lakeside as the axe which hung over him duly fell immediately afterwards.

Birmingham's interest in Hans Andersen suggests a similar fate may yet befall him at his new club. If it does, then he can at least go out on a high. He took the scalp of Lindgren in heat one – the Swede's sole defeat – and performed with zest all night.

With Barker robust, Danny King solid and reserve Ulrich Ostergaard transferring his warm-up shadow boxing in the pits into punching above his weight on track, the visitors gave their travelling support plenty to cheer.

Their five-point advantage came after Ludvig Lindgren piled into the locked-up Barker when trying to pass him out of the pits corner. Referee Chris Durno gave this one plenty of thought before disqualifying the Parrys International Wolf.

The rerun saw Woffinden pirouette and fall in virtually the same place to hand Birmingham a 5-0.

But if Barker was more sinned against than sinning in the clash with Lindgren, he certainly made his presence felt in both runnings of the heat.

On each occasion he rode straight into Woffinden out of the start and for good measure went perilously close to stuffing him into the home straight safety fence in the rerun.

But Woffinden survived and so – just – did Wolves.

POINT SCORERS

Wolves		
F Lindgren	2-3-3-3-3	14
T Proctor	1*-1-3-1	6+1
L Lindgren	X-0-2*-1	3+1
T Woffinden	X-3-3-3	9
P Karlsson	3-3-2-1-1	10
T Burmeister	1*-0-0	1+1
R Wells	2-1-0-0-0	3
Birmingham		
K Kasprzak	3-2-3-2-0	10
K Wolbert	0-1*-2-1	4+1
B Barker	2*-2-0-3-2	9+1
D King	3-1*-2-2	8+1
D Nermark	2-2-X-F	4
U Ostergaard	3-0-1*-2*-1*	7+3
C Vissing	X-0-1	1

HEAT DETAILS

1: Kasprzak (55.00), F Lindgren, Proctor, Wolbert **3-3**

2: Ostergaard (awarded, no time), Wells, Burmeister, Vissing (fell, disqualified) **6-6**

3: King (award, no time), Barker, Woffinden (fell, disqualified), L Lindgren (fell, disqualified) (rerun) **6-11**

4: Karlsson (56.06), Nermark, Wells, Vissing **10-13**

5: Woffinden (55.49), Kasprzak, Wolbert, L Lindgren **13-16**

6: F Lindgren (55.38), Nermark, Proctor, Ostergaard **17-18**

7: Karlsson (55.64), Barker, King, Burmeister **20-21**

8: Proctor (56.40), Wolbert, Ostergaard, Wells **23-24**

9: Woffinden (56.59), L Lindgren, Vissing, Nermark (fell, disqualified) (rerun) **28-25**

10: F Lindgren (55.61), King, Proctor, Barker **32-27**

11: Kasprzak (56.37), Karlsson, Wolbert, Burmeister **34-31**

12: Barker (57.53), Ostgergaard, L Lindgren, Wells **35-36**

13: F Lindgren (56.86), Kasprzak, Karlsson, Nermark (fell) **39-38**

14: Woffinden (57.01), King, Ostergaard, Wells (tapes, 15m) **42-41**

15: F Lindgren (56.91), Barker, Karlsson, Kasprzak **46-43**

Birmingham's Krzysztof Kasprzak powers past Wolves No.1 Fredrik Lindgren in heat one on Monday night

Wolves' Lindgren piles into the back of Brum's Ben Barker

Harry's the man for former Liverpool star

EX-England manager Kevin Keegan has backed the Midlands teams in the Premier League but ruled out any immediate return as a manager.

The former Newcastle boss believes Villa, Wolves and Albion enhance the Premier League.

However, Keegan – who was part of the formidable Liverpool title-winning teams of the 1970s – said he believed it would be tough for the likes of Villa, Wolves and Albion to break into the top six.

"The Black Country derby is a very special occasion and it's a pity that we won't have the Second City clash this season. I was delighted to see Wolves stay up last season and I think Albion have done very well. It is a well run club.

"For Villa it is a new era with a fresh manager so we will have to wait and see. But is very difficult to break into the top six."

England

Keegan, who grew up admiring the Wolves side of the late 1950s, added: "I hope Birmingham come back up. For the area it is great having four local derbies."

He added he was content with his career as a pundit at present and if England decide to go with an Englishman after Fabio Capello there was only one option. "For the next England manager there is very little choice, Harry Redknapp is the only man I can think of."

Keegan was in the Second City as part of the No Power road show hosted by npower. The football fun-day aims to encourage families to do something which does not involve electricity for an hour each day.

Villa blow as Walker signs deal at Spurs

KYLE Walker, one of Villa's stand-out successes last season, has crushed any hope of a permanent transfer by signing a new deal at Spurs.

The on-loan full-back has agreed a deal until 2016 having impressed enough while on loan at Villa to earn a call to Fabio Capello's England squad.

It leaves new boss Alex McLeish with another hole to fill a Villa squad under attack after Manchester United tempted away Ashley Young and with Liverpool attempting the same with Stewart Downing.

Just how big a war chest McLeish will have to fill the gaps remains open to doubt but he continues to be linked with a range of targets.

Villa are said to be ahead of Newcastle in the tussle for Wigan's French international Charles N'Zogbia but there is talk that Liverpool could try to sweeten the Downing deal by offering David Ngog as a makeweight. Ngog's proposed move to Sunderland fell through last month after he failed to agree personal terms.

And free agent Thomas Hitzlsperger remains strongly linked to the club following his departure from West Ham.

Meanwhile, Villa have confirmed a pre-season clash against Europa League finalists Braga on August 6 at the AXA Stadium in Portugal. Braga knocked out Liverpool, Dynamo Kiev and Benfica on their way to the final before losing to Porto in Dublin.

Villa will compete in the Asia Trophy in Hong Kong against Blackburn on July 27 and either Chelsea or Kitchee three days later. They will also face Walsall at the Banks's Stadium on July 21 and Derby at Pride Park on August 3.

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